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BY THADEUS GREENSON

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Cozza and Rick Eacret Ellis stand in front
of Calkins' truck, loaded with trash.
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NCJ MAILBOX

'Compelled to Respond'

Editor:

Although I decry the Mailbox's recent descent into yet another platform for diatribes on national politics, I feel compelled to respond to Dennis Scales' latest nonsense (May 8).

First, any linkage between the high cost of eggs and dark-skinned immigrants is misguided. On balance, immigrants, even undocumented ones, contribute greatly to our economy, as Mr. Scales will learn when they've all left or gone underground.

Second, the person most responsible for Trump's election is Trump. Biden inherited an economy in total shambles due to COVID-19, which Trump badly mishandled, and oversaw a recovery stronger than that of almost any other country. Trump inherited an economy that was "the envy of the world" but convinced his gullible base that Biden was responsible for the runaway inflation he had in fact brought under control.

Third, while Mr. Scales may not agree with Biden's policies, Biden emerged from a middle-class background to devote his life to public service while dealing with the deaths of a wife and two children and another child's drug addiction. The contrast with Trump's life story couldn't be starker. I wonder what Mr. Scales has accomplished that entitles him to call Biden "senile" and "houseplant."

Finally, the "solid fiscal path" that Mr. Scales sees Trump paving for his descendants would come at the cost of our planet's integrity. He doesn't seem to understand our dependence on a healthy planet to sustain us and apparently wants to see a return to an era of unchecked rape and pillage of the environment, an era that is now costing us billions of dollars a year to repair the damage from. We face an existential crisis of planetary habitability and surviving it will cost a lot of money. Will Mr. Scales' children and grandchildren thank him for the impoverished and uninhabitable world they will inherit?

Ken Burton, McKinleyville

'Would Holler All Over'

Editor:

I would holler all over the country to let people know the brilliance of Kathryn Donahue's letter last week (Mailbox, May 15)!

Never before have I read such a great, cohesive, intelligent explanation of the ingrained racism in the United States.

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A child of immigrant grandparents,
Suzanne Hart, Eureka

'Apologies to John Fogerty'

Editor:

"Long in late November his reign was comin' down. It seemed to catch us snorin'; how would we stop this clown? We knew there'd be phases and things that should be done. Yet I wonder, still I wonder who'll stop his reign?"

"He stormed up Virginia seekin' changes to the norm. Caught up in his fable we've watched his power grow. Bible scams and shoe deals warped by his disdain. Yet I wonder, still I wonder who'll stop his reign?"

"Heard the pundits sayin' how there would be more families pushed together tryin' to keep warm. Still his reign keeps soarin', callin' up my fears, and I wonder, still I wonder, who'll stop his reign?"

"One thing to remember amidst the doom and gloom: Donald has just shown us how to make a protest bloom. When we march together, our voices will be heard. So don't wonder, I don't wonder: *We'll stop his reign.*"

With apologies to John Fogerty,

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State Board Denies Humboldt County Fair Race Dates

By Thadeus Greenson
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For one of the only times in its 129-year history, the Humboldt County Fair will be held in August without horse racing, after a divided California Horse Racing Board again voted against allocating dates at its meeting earlier this month.

"We have no chance at having racing during our fair," Humboldt County Fair Association Board President Andy Titus told the *Journal* on May 20, after the association unsuccessfully researched ways to mount a legal challenge to the state board's May 15 decision. "All options are off the table."

With the horse racing industry having collapsed in Northern California over the past year, the Humboldt County Fair Association has been scrambling for months to go it alone and become the only fair in the northern part of the state to host meets this summer. Those efforts hit a major roadblock in April, when the association's application for race dates to a short-handed California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), which had seats vacant due to a resignation and a board member absent, failed to garner the necessary four votes for approval. The association then redoubled its efforts, ironing out some

logistical planning, and asked that its dates application be re-heard by the full board May 15, this time bringing trainers, a pair of Humboldt County supervisors and even a letter from Ferndale-raised celebrity chef Guy Fieri to help plead its case.

After close to two hours of discussion and testimony, the matter came to a roll call vote from the board. Board members Thomas C. Hudnut and Dennis Alfieri, both of whom had voted against allocating the dates in April, voted no. They were joined by Board Member Damascus Castellanos, who had been absent in April and whom the fair association had targeted as a potentially sympathetic swing vote, all by assuring the application's failure. Board members Brenda Washington Davis and Oscar Gonzales voted to support the fair's application, and were joined by newly seated Board Member Peter Stern. That left Board Chair Gregory Ferraro, an outspoken skeptic of the wisdom of granting the Humboldt County Fair race dates, as the swing vote, and he quickly sealed the application's fate: "Chairman votes no," he said without pause.

Gonzales, who'd repeatedly voiced support for granting the Humboldt County Fair racing dates as a way to throw the

sport a lifeline in Northern California by supporting a community institution, then called the vote a "serious, serious, serious mistake" and asked CHRB Executive Director Scott Chaney about the possibility of calling a special meeting to again take up the application. Ferraro quickly quelled that notion, indicating he has the power to veto requests for special or emergency meetings and would do so in this case.

Humboldt County First District Supervisor Rex Bohn, who'd addressed the board and read aloud a letter from Fieri, later told the *Lost Coast Outpost* he was consulting with an antitrust lawyer in Philadelphia about mounting a legal challenge to the board's decision, and Titus confirmed to the *Journal* the association was looking at all possibilities. But those had apparently been exhausted by May 20, when Titus told the *Journal* the matter was settled, and the fair will proceed without races.

The fair association faced criticism on two fronts: the board and industry interests.

Some questioned the association's ability to put on races with much of the industry having departed Northern California in the wake of the closure of

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Golden Gate Fields last summer, and the ensuing collapse of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) and its Golden State Racing venture intended to fill the void left by the Alameda County track's closure, wondering aloud if it would be able to draw the horses, trainers and support staff — and find the equipment — needed to put on a meet.

Representing the association at the meeting, Titus assured the board it had received lots of interest from horse owners and trainers about coming to Ferndale in August, and was confident it had the personnel lined up to put on a successful meet. The association also had the deep-pocketed backing of a new outfit, Bernal Park Racing, LLC, founded by owner-breeders George Schmitt and John Harris, who had deposited \$1.5 million into an account to cover the meet's expenses, brought decades of experience to the effort and had pledged to take on all financial liability that would come with the endeavor.

"John Harris and I put our money where our mouth is," Schmitt told the board, explaining Bernal Park's goal of becoming a replacement for CARF, which had traditionally supported fairs throughout Northern California with the logistical and financial hurdles of holding race meets. "We believe it's critical not only for horse racing but for the fairs themselves to succeed, and organizations like Future Farmers of America and 4-H to continue to educate our young people on how our world works, where our food comes from, how hard it is to raise the food that's put on our plates every day."

Other comments before the board focused on the vital nature of the Humboldt County Fair to the local economy, with Bohn saying the annual event generates millions of dollars in economic activity and, reading from Fieri's letter, saying that denying the race dates "would be a bullet to the heart of the fair community."

But, as became evident in the CHRB's April meeting, some on the board and in the racing industry viewed the dates question as about much more than what race meets would do for the local fair or the Humboldt County economy. Many noted the industry statewide is struggling mightily, facing declining popularity and struggling to compete in a much-expanded world of online sports betting. (It went unmentioned during the hearing, but the sport has also faced a growing outcry from animal welfare groups, including after two horses were euthanized for injuries sustained at the Humboldt County Fair last year.)

Currently, the industry has consolidat-

ed in what's been described as a "single circuit" in Southern California, with a significant portion of owners and trainers from the northern part of the state having relocated south in recent months. While Titus and numerous others charged that consolidation is not working for Northern California owners and trainers, the industry's largest voices disagreed.

Bill Nader, president and CEO of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, cast the decision of whether to allocate dates to Humboldt — which would move about \$2 million in purses and simulcast commissions north — as a choice between supporting the best interest of the sport in the state as a whole and helping to finance a single county fair. The industry has consolidated in the south because it was on the brink of collapse statewide, Nader said, arguing that it is now showing signs of life but remains fragile.

Some on the Humboldt County Fair Association Board, including Titus and Racing Committee Chair Greg Gomes, have argued that the fate of the fair itself was tied to racing, painting a potentially bleak picture for the path ahead. A financial report presented to the board April 28 shows the association had a balance of \$460,000 in its accounts — enough to last about two months without an additional influx of funds — meaning the association needs to turn a substantial profit at this year's event to carry it into 2026.

While the association has never been able to quantify it with hard numbers, many believe horse racing has served as the proverbial rising tide that lifts all ships at the fair, saying it is a major attendance driver, boosting revenue from parking, the carnival, concessions and the bar. Whether the association has contingency plans in place to draw attendance without racing — especially with it looking increasingly like the fair will not feature dairy and poultry shows due to the avian flu outbreak — remains to be seen with the fair fast approaching, Aug. 16 through Aug. 24.

Meanwhile, as the *Journal* went to press May 20, rumors circulated that the fair association may apply again for race dates, this time to hold a meet in October. Asked whether that's the case, Titus said simply, "The board hasn't talked about that."

The fair board's next regularly scheduled meeting is May 27. ●

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Celebration and Healing at CR

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As we celebrate the achievements of all graduates at College of the Redwoods this week, it is worth noting that the class valedictorians three of the past four years have been scholars in recovery from addictions. I write this to those who are still struggling. My hope is that all of you use these three amazing role models as beacons to light your way to what is possible, especially when you feel there is no hope.

The class of 2022 valedictorian was Jeremy Campbell. He graduated from CR with his certificate in addiction studies, an AS in social work and human services and an AA in liberal arts. This year he graduated from Cal Poly Humboldt with his bachelor of arts in social work. He is a military veteran. Despite his own years of challenges with addiction, he rose up in the ranks at Waterfront Recovery Center from a substance use disorder counselor to executive director. He now leaves Humboldt County as a newlywed, heading to Massachusetts to work on his master's degree. He wants to advocate for good government policy in addiction and mental health services.

In 2024, the valedictorian was Antonio Godoy. As well as earning his certificate in addiction studies, he earned his associate degree for transfer in psychology and is now studying at Cal Poly Humboldt for his bachelor's in psychology. He works as a substance abuse counselor at Waterfront Recovery Center, as well as Redwood Recovery Center. Despite his years of challenges in his own addictions, at 40 years old, his goal is medical school. He wants to specialize in addiction medicine. Again, he is a role model to all interns and new counselors who see him as an example of overcoming his dark times and looking forward to a challenging and rewarding future.

This year, the class of 2025 valedictorian, Greg Johnson, took a different direction in his recovery from his addiction to alcohol. This week he earned his associate's degree for transfer in mathematics at age 39. He

is now on to Cal Poly with his goal of graduate school. His moto is one that I have been professing to my students for 16 years: "You don't have to be the smartest — just show up and do the work."

Every year, students start their studies at CR in the Addiction Studies Certificate Program. Not all will finish. Most are in the program as their way of helping others challenged with addiction and mental health issues, as others have helped them. As is common, some will relapse but many of those come back and finish.

Watching this year's group of 15 graduates in addiction studies walk across the stage at commencement fills me with pride. It always humbles me when I realize the challenges they have faced compared to the joy they now feel. They are now sharing this joy with their families and friends who never thought this was possible. They always inspire me.

Many were there with their children, some of whom walked the stage with them. They are demonstrating to those children who have witnessed their parents' worst days that change is possible, as they now share in one of their best days.

Tears of joy and relief flowed from the graduates and the family members in the bleachers. To those who do not believe that change is possible, I present to you the names of the graduates of the 2025 class in the Addiction Studies Certificate Program: James Applegate, Amie Beard, Sally Boone, Autumn Coffelt-Murrish, Kelly Goodwin, Michelle Kaufman, Lelanette McCovey, Johnny Machado, Jesse Rodriguez, Heather Schmidt, Therese Scott, Joshua Staples, Juanita Villareal, Christopher Wilson and Ruth Wortman.

These people are incredible human beings. They are already working in the recovery field and/or moving on to Cal Poly Humboldt. I am proud to know them all. ●

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Experts: Blue Lake Council Again Violates Transparency Laws with Approval of Separation Agreement

When the Blue Lake City Council voted in a May 13 closed session to ratify a severance agreement with its longtime City Manager Amanda “Mandy” Mager, it violated California government transparency laws for the second time in a week.

The council met that day with two items on the closed session agenda — the possible appointment of an acting city manager and a conference with legal counsel due to the city’s exposure to litigation — and emerged 45 minutes later. Ryan Plotz, an attorney with the Eureka-based Mitchell Law Firm, which contracts with the city, then reported out of the closed session that the council had voted 4-0, with Councilmember Christopher Firor absent, to take action “that finalizes an separation agreement with Amanda Mager.”

The problem is that the closed session agenda did not include anything about Mager, the separation agreement or a potential “separation” with a city employee, so someone reading the agenda before the meeting would have had no idea the separation agreement was under consideration, and therefore the public was denied its legally protected opportunity to address the council about it prior to its discussion and vote. California open meeting laws, known collectively as the Ralph M. Brown Act, are designed to ensure a level of transparency to government meetings and maintain avenues for public participation.

“They are required to put items that they will be discussing in closed session on the agenda,” explains David Snyder, executive director of the nonprofit First Amendment Coalition, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the people’s right to know. “Failing to put a closed session discussion on the agenda at all is definitely a problem under the Brown Act. The public is entitled to know, at least in broad strokes, what it is legislative bodies plan to discuss in closed session.”

Shaila Nathu, a senior staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, agrees generally, saying at a minimum the discussion and vote on the separation agreement should have been agendized as the possible dismissal, discipline or release of a public employee.

“A separation agreement does not equal anticipated litigation,” she says, noting there must be an actual threat of a lawsuit to justify that closed-session discussion. “We don’t know whether there was or was not [with Mager’s separation]. But either way, you can’t just make those two things equivalent.”

But Nathu says the city’s Brown Act compliance issues may not stop there, saying if this agreement was finished prior to the meeting — as there’s reason to believe it was — and all that was up for discussion and a vote was final approval, that doesn’t meet legal requirements for a closed session.

“If it is just ratification of the separation agreement, there’s no closed session exemption that allows for that, and thus it should have appeared as an open session agenda item,” Nathu says, adding that would also mean the agreement should have been made available to the public and the council along with the other agenda packet materials prior to the meeting to allow for its full review and public input.

The separation agreement provides that Mager will receive four months’ salary — \$30,000 — and health benefits. In return, she agreed not to pursue any legal action against the city and the city admits no liability. The agreement also stipulates the city would release the following statement, which was emailed out May 8 at 12:15 p.m.:

“City Manager Amanda ‘Mandy’ Mager and the city council have mutually decided to end their relationship effective May 9, 2025. The city council expresses sincere gratitude to Mandy for her nine-plus years of dedicated service to and leadership of the city of Blue Lake, and the council wish-

es her the best in all her future endeavors. An interim city manager will be appointed while the city conducts a comprehensive recruitment process.”

It remains unclear exactly when the council decided to part ways with Mager generally or to enter into this agreement, which Mager signed May 8.

The council met May 6 and discussed Mager’s employee performance in closed session, as it had done five times previously since the start of the year, but reported having taken no action. Nonetheless, rumors immediately began circulating in Blue Lake that Mager had been fired that night, persisting until the statement was released May 8.

It appears the council either decided to part ways with Mager during the May 6 closed session — which Snyder and Nathu say would constitute an action that should have been reported out of closed session, and all would have strayed from the bounds the agendized employee performance review discussion — or between then and when the statement was issued May 8. But if the decision was made after the May 6 meeting, it didn’t happen at an official meeting and therefore would also

run afoul of open meeting laws, which require that official council actions be made during official meetings.

Nathu says it’s impossible to pinpoint when the violation took place because the public does not know what was discussed when the council closed its doors and is left to piece together what happened.

“This is a little bit tricky — that’s the problem with closed sessions, there’s an informational asymmetry,” she says. “We don’t know what went down on May 6, and there’s no real way to verify whether they had something they needed to report out.”

But by the city’s own statement, the council made the decision to part ways with Mager at some point prior 12:15 p.m. on May 8, meaning if it didn’t violate the Brown Act by failing to report it May 6, it violated the Brown Act by making the decision some other way, some other time, and without an official record.

“The city council would have had to, on its end, make a decision to dismiss this person, and that would have had to have taken place in a closed session with an action reported out [to be compliant] under the Brown Act,” Nathu says.

Snyder says it’s also important to re-

member the Brown Act’s language is legally required to be interpreted broadly in favor of public access. He notes that even if the council merely came to some kind of consensus without an official vote, it should part ways with Mager and directed Plotz to draft a separation agreement, that should have constituted a reportable action.

“The mechanism by which the council made a decision — whether a straw poll or a wink and a nod — doesn’t matter,” he says. “If there was a decision made, in whatever form that decision is made, that’s an action that needs to be reported out.”

Mayor John Sawatzky declined to answer Journal questions about when the council decided to part ways with Mager and who on the council made that decision, saying it was a personnel matter and Plotz had told him the council is “not allowed to comment.” Plotz, for his part, responded similarly to the same questions by saying it’s a personnel matter and he cannot comment further. Other members of the Blue Lake City Council have not responded to Journal inquiries.

Snyder says he’s unaware of anything in the law allowing the city to withhold the basic information of who made the deci-

sion to sever ties with Mager and when.

“Withholding the facts of the decisions to dismiss — who decided it and when — I don’t know of any legal basis to do that,” Snyder says. “They’ve already disclosed that the decision was made. And they’ve already disclosed a vote as to the final severance agreement. So why would it be improper to say exactly when the decision was made and who exactly made the decision? I don’t see what the legal basis is for that contention. ... Why is the specific date of the decision and the people involved in that decision confidential? I don’t understand.”

The Brown Act outlines a process for citizens to address violations of its provisions, either with the legislative body directly or the superior court with jurisdiction, by either preventing their recurrence, stopping actions in progress or voiding past actions. Section VII of the First Amendment Coalition’s Brown Act Primer, available through the nonprofit’s website, outlines the necessary steps.

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'God Looking Back at You'

An unlikely trio looks to bridge divides,
one trash bag at a time

By Thadeus Greenson

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It's a typical Friday at the foot of First Road in McKinleyville, where the pothole-pocked street hits the unincorporated town's easternmost point, cutoff by the swath of former timberland that is now the McKinleyville Community Forest's southwestern corner. It's overcast and Christine Flores-Cozza has a jacket over her daisy-patterned, light blue dress, and Bubba, her brawny but mellow brown and white dog, lies a few feet away, leashed but unattached to her or anything else.

To Flores-Cozza's left is a pile of trash. There are seven or eight industrial size black garbage bags, all full, as well as a pair of blue metal public trash can lids, a couple milk crates filled with debris of various sorts, an array of broken tent poles and metal rods, and a half-dozen corrugated plastic roofing panels, all waiting to be hauled away. Flores-Cozza is houseless — "free range," she jokes, though she admits she doesn't move around too much, and has called the modest camp tucked off a trail nearby home for about four years. But this isn't her trash. Rather, it's the product of a week's worth of her work, litter collected from on and around the multi-use trails that snake through the sprawling property, or pulled from an abandoned encampment, the latest one she's working to erase from the landscape.

She's waiting for John and Rick, she says, the "real heroes" of this story, the two men who spend their Fridays — all of them — driving around McKinleyville, picking up loads of trash, and hauling them to the dump, free of charge and with smiles on their faces. Rick, she explains, has permanent respiratory damage after almost dying of COVID-19 a few years back, while John has had two strokes in recent years. Still, they always show up.

"I just thought they should get some recognition," she says, explaining an email she sent the *Journal* pitching a story about how while people angrily debate homelessness, tariffs and politics, a small group of volunteers spends their Friday's "doing something radical: cleaning up quietly."

As Flores-Cozza talks, a beat up and dusty white Tacoma pickup bounces down First Road toward the pile of rocks that signals an entrance to the forest. Out bound John "Johnny" Calkins and Rick Eacret Ellis, both smiling broadly.

Calkins, a ring of sweat visible on his green cap, tells Flores-Cozza he can't help much today, lifting his shirt to reveal a bandage in the center of his chest where his team at University of California at San Francisco Medical Center had implanted a heart monitor the day before, hoping to find the cause of those two strokes. But Calkins says his wife drove him down and back in the same day so he could make his rounds today.

Eacret Ellis immediately begins picking up bags and tossing them atop what already seems a very full load in the back of the Toyota and quickly grows to resemble the Grinch's sleigh after he robbed Whoville blind. Calkins then tosses a pair of yellow tie-downs over the pile, carefully cinching them down to secure the load, with Eacret Ellis at one point going into what he called "goat" mode to shimmy atop the pile and free the strap.

Satisfied he'll be able to get to the dump without losing a bag or a piece of roofing, Calkins and Eacret Ellis give Flores-Cozza a small hug, slide back into the truck's cab and slowly drive off. As the truck pulls away, with what Eacret Ellis estimated was about 1,000 pounds of trash aboard, Flores-Cozza moves a few remaining bags that didn't fit behind the stacked rocks, where they'll sit until Eacret Ellis and Calkins return next week.

The trash isn't all from the homeless, she says, noting that hikers litter, teens who party in the woods sometimes leave the place trashed, and some families that can't afford garbage service dump their household trash, old tires and broken appliances here. But, she quickly adds, just because she's unhoused doesn't mean she can't be part of the solution.

"Just because I'm homeless doesn't mean I don't care," she says.



Christine Flores-Cozza with her dog, Bubba, in front of a pile of trash she pulled from the McKinleyville Community Forest.

Photo by Thad Greenson

A few days later, Calkins dismisses any hero talk. If anyone deserves some kudos — not to mention a place to live — it's Flores-Cozza, he says. The first time he walked the trails off First Road, he says, he was stunned.

"There was just so much trash up there, everywhere," he says. "I mean, it was fucking everywhere. And every week, she'd bring down five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10 bags. Drag them down to the end of the street. She was always there, every week, never not there, for more than three years."

Calkins pauses, noting that that stretch of the spruce and fir forest is almost immaculate now.

"She can work," he says with a chuckle. "She's pulled 50,000 pounds, at least, dragged it out of that forest."

Originally from San Jose, Calkins has lived a varied life. He joined the U.S. Marines at 17 and spent three years in the service, long enough to make two trips to Vietnam, before returning stateside and decamping to Yosemite for a handful of years. Word that his father was sick with cancer and had about a year to live brought him to Humboldt, where he planned to care for his father and help run the Trinidad Eatery, which his father owned. But his dad kept kicking another couple decades and Calkins and a sister ended up buying the restaurant.

They ran it for about 10 years before selling. Calkins then planned to return to Yosemite but was recruited to work for the California Conservation Corps, spending 23 years supervising work crews, some for six months at a time in the backcountry. He then went to work for AmeriCorps in local schools for a handful of years before retiring at 62 in 2009. He then quickly started looking for something to do and applied for work with the U.S. Census, taking a post supervising the count of Humboldt's homeless.

"I was very interested in homeless people because a lot of the people I worked with in the corps were homeless before they joined, or were sleeping on couches," he said.

He says he spent three months making the rounds through Humboldt, just forming relationships with houseless residents so they could be counted when the time came.

"I learned they're good people," he says. "A lot of them are really good people. There's some weird ones out there, too, but most are just good people with bad luck in a world that doesn't give you many chances. I got to know them as people and recognized they're just like me except they're pretty poor."

After the Census wrapped, Calkins says he started exploring the homeless population in McKinleyville, meeting Eacret Ellis, who was living in his truck behind the old

K-Mart building, and invited him to some monthly round-table discussions of how the community could better support its houseless members. Calkins says he soon started working with Arcata House Partnership's emergency shelters in the winters, eventually running it for a few years.

Eacret Ellis says it was a former co-worker who first introduced him to the Joyful Healer, the United Methodist church on Central Avenue in McKinleyville, telling him they had "Saturday soup," feeding people a bowl, no questions asked.

"The first time I went in to eat, some of the pastors sat down with me for two hours and we talked and listened," Eacret Ellis recalls. "When I got up to leave, I got up and started putting stuff away and they said, 'Rick, you don't have to do that.' I said, 'Yes, I do. That's the way I was raised.'"

Eacret Ellis kept going back and soon started helping, eventually summoning Calkins to join him. Calkins says he instantly took to the place, would encourage people to go and recruited some folks from Arcata House to spend Saturdays there trying to connect people with services. When his 90-year-old mother moved to Humboldt from Arizona, Calkins says she started making the Saturday soup, spending all week planning and executing the task.

The effort expanded and grew, Eacret Ellis says with evident pride.

"What we do on Saturdays is small compared to what people really need, but it's action," he says. "We feed people. We clothe them. We provide them with hygiene products. For a while, we were providing them with bus passes and laundry vouchers."

It was at these Saturday gatherings when Friday garbage pickup was born, with Calkins telling Eacret Ellis it was something he wanted to do.

"He asked if I wanted to help, and I said, 'Yeah,'" Eacret Ellis recalls.

Calkins says his thinking was simple. First of all, the trash accumulated at homeless camps is a major problem, as is the regular illegal dumping that comes from the housed community.

Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone, who helped arrange to pay for Calkins' dump bills until an anonymous donor stepped forward to cover it, says illegal dumping remains a huge issue throughout the county, including his district.

"The illegal dumping costs go unpaid and accumulate in nature's account," he said.

(Emily Sinkhorn, the environmental services director in Arcata, meanwhile, says a nonprofit contracted by the city recently

pulled 31,120 pounds of waste from the Arcata marsh in a little more than two months of work.)

The other thing Calkins knew was that houseless people are capable and some could use a source of pride.

"There's a lot of people who aren't needed in this world and that makes them feel not OK about being alive," he says bluntly. "People need to feel like they have some worth in the community. This was my way of saying, you're worth something. If you clean this up, I'll pick it up. We'll work together."

Flores-Cozza says she vividly remembers the first time she came into the Joyful Healer for the Saturday gathering almost four years ago, told she could go there to get a bite to eat. She says she immediately noticed elders and kids laughing together, while someone played piano and folks ate.

"It was like a big dining room," she says, adding that she met Calkins that day and immediately asked to help. "I was like, 'Yeah, why don't we clean this place up?'"

Eacret Ellis says he was born and bred in Humboldt, and has "lived in just about every town around here." He says he'd been homeless for a couple years when he first met Calkins while living in his truck behind K-Mart.

Eacret Ellis says it was a quick decline that got him there. His wife died of heart failure in 2012 and he says he "couldn't function" for a whole year, falling deeper into drugs and losing his home. And by the time Calkins approached his truck, Eacret Ellis says he was angry — angry at his town, angry at his lot in life and angry at the way his housed neighbors treated him. So when Calkins wanted him to sit down with housed folks who maybe saw things a bit different than he did, he says he wasn't sure what to expect.

"Being homeless, I was on the unhoused side of it," he says. "And I was guilty of pointing my finger at the people on the other side of the fence, the people with houses and businesses. And I know now I didn't know what the hell I was talking about. The thing is, lots of people have to decide every month whether they're going to pay rent or eat. And they're the ones screaming loudest about homeless people, and that's because they're afraid they're just a click away from being homeless themselves."

In a county where 18 percent of the adult population lives in poverty, according to the U.S. Census, meaning they earn less \$15,650 annually, Eacret Ellis says he figured that if he was going to call it his home he needed to stop being angry and

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Rick Eacret Ellis (left) and John Calkins work to secure a load of trash in the back of Calkins' truck, as they have every Friday for years.

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to start making change.

"You can't call it your town if you're not going to fight for it," he says, adding that his adage when it comes to Friday garbage pickup is, "be part of the solution, not the pollution."

Standing under the trees about 100 yards from the foot of First Road, Flores-Cozza shows a stranger the corner of forest that has been her home for almost four years now. There are her sculptures: an elk pieced together of wood, an oversized piece with vines that seem to form waves above a wound, moss-filled nest cradling several rocks; and a wooden ladder supporting a circular dream catcher, which she calls her "ode to William Blake." Nearby sits a pile of branch pieces, all tinged blue, and she notes the color is the result of a fungus, adding Cal Poly Humboldt is researching how to make natural wood stains with it.

She uses the nearby mini lending libraries to keep stocked on books, noting she recently finished Malcolm Gladwell's *Blink* and just started *The Sense of Ending* by Julian Barnes. Someone stole the guitar she used to busk from her camp, she says, but quickly says she found an AI song generator app on her phone that helps scratch her musical itch and make use of the lyrics

she writes. She says she has good housed neighbors, noting she helps out by doing some gardening and watering plants, and they give a hand when she needs one.

There have been a couple of scary encounters with bears, she says, but generally humans leave her alone and she does her own thing, reading, writing, hanging with Bubba and walking the trails with her wagon to pick up trash or deconstruct abandoned camps. Well, until recently, that is. In recent months, she says some folks from the McKinleyville Community Services District, which operates the community forest, and a private land owner who purchased the greenbelt abutting the forest, have come by. So did some sheriff's deputies, responding to a report of another woman who'd left some puppies tied to a tree, when they stumbled upon Flores-Cozza's camp and arrested her March 11 on suspicion of trespassing and illegal dumping. The district attorney declined to prosecute the case, but it was still rattling.

Flores-Cozza says she grew up in Chicago and raised her kids there as a single mother, bartending or working in the food service industry, sometimes working several jobs at once. After her kids were grown, she says she was sharing a studio apartment with a friend, paying \$900 a

month, when after months of struggling, they both wound up unemployed at the same time and got evicted. So, she says, she left.

"I just jumped," she says. "Nothing was working there."

She traveled to New Orleans and Austin, she says, making art and music to get by, and even performed at the South by Southwest music festival. Then she says she decided to come to Blue Lake, where her grandfather was from, and things have been challenging since.

Flores-Cozza says she hopes to find housing, or at least a safe place to stay, but hasn't had any luck. She says street outreach workers from the county came and talked to her some months ago and said some promising things, but never came back.

Eacret Ellis, for his part, says it took him several years of putting his name on various wait lists and applications before he landed a place to live. He says he's hopeful things go easier for Flores-Cozza, though he concedes it's tough everywhere.

But he says he's continually awed by Flores-Cozza's dedication to clearing trash from a forest she will soon be forced to

leave.

"She doesn't get any kind of compensation for what she does up there," Eacret Ellis says. "She doesn't do it for any reward. She does it because she wants to, because it's right."

Eacret Ellis pauses for a while, then says he believes in a power higher and greater than himself, and asks this reporter if he's ever seen God. Told no, he insists the reporter is wrong, that he has but just didn't realize it. Eacret Ellis then says there's something he's taken to doing when someone asks him for a favor.

"I say, 'Sure, but it's going to cost you,'" he says. "And they give me that look, 'Oh, no. What's it going to cost me? How much?' And I let it hang for a second, and then I tell them, just a smile. And they light up. And when you see that light, that smile, that's God looking back at you. When that smile goes all the way up to their eyes and it sparkles back at you, that's God looking back at you." ●

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Smalls Brings Big Flavors

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After five years dormant, the spot where Marcelli's Italian Restaurant served its ravioli for 90 years is once again seating customers, now under the banner of Smalls, the new name carved into a redwood sign out front (1323 Fifth St., Eureka). The "fusion comfort" restaurant is open for lunch with plans to add dinner hours down the road.

Chef and owner Scott Boone says he chose the name for the scale: a small dining room, a small kitchen, small plates and a small menu of only things he loves. The 8-by-10-foot kitchen — overhauled with new appliances and with prep and dishwashing moved to the former storage room behind it — isn't even the tiniest he's worked in. "I've cooked on boats," he says with a chuckle.

Boone says hanging around his uncle, a French chef, started him off cooking, and Boone never looked back. "I just picked it up. It was always something I was gonna do," he says. "Never had any doubt." However, his earliest jobs had him cooking Italian dishes and that cuisine, rather than French, has stuck with him.

A summer trip to Ukiah when Boone was still living in Texas gave him a taste for the North Coast and he decided to relocate. So he put up a Craigslist ad advertising as a chef looking for work and got a bite from Indian Creek Lodge and four years cooking at Indian Creek Café. Four years later, he moved to Weaverville and opened Café on Main, a larger restaurant where he stretched out into a menu of comforting American and Italian classics with international tweaks and wild game.

"The bigger size ended up being the worst enemy," Boone says. Well, that and COVID-19, since Café on Main opened in March of 2020 as lockdown was declared. He lets out a grim laugh recounting the day. "We survived on takeout like everybody else," he says, but the economy in town fell sharply and filling all those tables — and turning a profit — was sometimes a struggle.



The dining room at Smalls, in the former home of Marcelli's.

Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

Smalls, Boone says, allows him more flexibility. "I like to do a lot of stuff myself," he says, like making house mayonnaise, cheese, ricotta and ice cream — not always conducive to stocking a higher-capacity dining room. "This is my last restaurant, so I want the freedom to do what I want to do."

What Boone wants to do is continue in the style of Café on Main. Some classics, like Caesar salad, should be left alone, he says. Other items are an opportunity to try something different. The Sloppy G swaps in spoon-tender roasted goat in a tomato-based sauce with peppers and onions, topped with slices of fresh mozzarella, cole slaw and crema spiced with guajillo chile (\$17). As with the original Sloppy Joe, the bun is no match for the filling, which recalls a homey Italian pot roast, and the arrangement is best approached with a fork and a sense of humor. The optional homemade steak fries come with jackets on and crisp at the tips. "I like goat and during the wintertime," says Boone. "When it's a little cooler, I like to bring in wild game."

The Crab Fat Chicken Wings arrive as if from the oven of a glass blower, shining with a sticky caramelized glaze amped up with red curry and fermented crab paste, and garnished with fresh basil, cilantro and

chopped peanuts (\$15). The layered flavors are a welcome surprise.

Expect to see crème brûlée on the menu (\$8). "It's my weakness," says Boone. For the soft opening May 16, spoons cracked open simple, rich coffee custards, but mocha, white chocolate and Mexican spiced chocolate will be in the rotation, as well.

The eclectic selection of art on the walls, some by staffers or longtime customers from Café on Main, is mostly for sale, for which Smalls doesn't take commission. "Artists, musicians and cooks all run in the same circles," notes Boone.

Boone looks forward to serving the small plates he has planned for when Smalls adds dinner hours. He likes the idea of people being able to try a few different things from the menu and keeping the prices within reach.

"I want a lot of people to be able to eat my food," says Boone. "I like all different kinds of people in my restaurant, just like I like all kinds of art." ●

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Speedway at Nazareth

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A little preface is needed before this week's column gets rolling. It's Memorial Day weekend in our stretch of the entertainment beat, coming a week after graduation at Cal Poly Humboldt. Which means that the front end of this piece will be heavy with a variety of live offerings, while the caboose is scant to the point of nonexistence, outside of what you might find in the event calendar in the back of the paper. That's just how it works out sometimes. This weekend marks the gateway from the student-filled gigs to those which court the summer audiences of locals and visitors. Incidentally, it's also Kinetic Grand Championship weekend, and the front-loaded contraption I just described might be just the design to carry its riders past the drafts and into the lead, during a downhill section of the race at least. In the absurdist spirit of this unique local event, I've been thinking about the use of a vehicular race as the plotline for two pieces of avant-garde 20th century literature, one from the height of the symbolist movement and the next an example of pulp fiction morphed into an early postmodern stunner. The former is Alfred Jarry's 1903 piece "The Crucifixion Considered as an Uphill Bicycle Race," and the latter is an homage to that work by the brilliant cross-genre sci fi writer J.G. Ballard called "The Assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy Considered as a Downhill Motor Race," written in 1965, the year after the Warren Report, and miles ahead of its era.

Jarry, most famous for creating the character of Père Ubu, takes the Stations of the Cross to the bleeding edge of French symbolism to build a narrative that is at once flippant and dead serious, teetering on the edge of the kind of cultural blasphemy required of any piece staged within earshot of an abattoir for the dissection of sacred cows. And it's precise in its insistence on the symbolic connections between the parts of a bicycle — a fairly new invention at the time it was written — and the ancient formations of the cross and crown of thorns. It ends with the verse "The deplorable accident familiar to us all took place at the 12th turn. Jesus was in a dead heat at the time with the

thieves. We know that he continued the race airborne — but that is another story." Indeed, it is.

Ballard, meanwhile, imagines Lee Harvey Oswald manning the starting pistol for another race, a world-shaking slaughter in a much different time. He ends on an expression of the public's collective dissatisfaction with the Warren Report's findings with the line, "Without a doubt Oswald badly misfired. But one question still remains unanswered: Who loaded the starting gun?" Are there more connections between these pieces than a simple homage updated for the age of autos, nukes and TV? Decide for yourself; both works are little over a page long, and worth a piece of your time.

Why am I writing about this? Well, there are 52 weeks in a year and I have to come up with something for an intro to each one. That's a lot of races to kick off. Sometimes tangential free association is the right powder to put in the starting pistol and an air of mystery the correct gas to pump into the tires. Particularly when overseeing a weird long weekend like the one before us, which I hope you all enjoy.

Thursday

The Creative Sanctuary is putting on another jazz gig at the Arcata Playhouse, the first in a series basking in the glow of the formidable works of Art Blakely and the Jazz Messengers. Tonight's program is an homage to Horace Silver, the post-bop pianist and co-bandleader who brought the group to his highest peaks of creative glory. Tonight's line-up will feature a host of excellent players, including **James Zeller**, **Tree**, **Ramsey Isaacs**, **Lee Phillips** and **Matthew Seno**. Expect a swinging good time, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$30, sliding scale.

Friday

As I mentioned before, I will be loading up the weekend with goodies because the pantry is bare afterward and, for the sake of that project, tonight is the beginning of that process. First up, at the Outer Space at 7 p.m., **Brain-Dead Rejects** and **Kolonizer** are playing a horror punk drag show for a sliding scale cover of \$5-\$20.

After that, here are two shows, both



Tropa Magica plays the Miniplex Sunday, May 25, at 8:30 p.m.

Photo by Rudy Torres, courtesy of the artists

starting after 8:30 p.m., that each look like a piece of fun.

At the Logger Bar, you can shake it out to the sounds of **Big 8**, a local collective of musicians playing New Orleans funk and soul and general upbeat Americana. No cover for this one, so tip your bartenders and the band.

Meanwhile, back in Arcata, the Miniplex is hosting the driving beats of Austin, Texas' art punk oddballs **Being Dead**. Portland tourmates **Nug** are a trio that dabbles in post-punk noise dynamics with the best of them. This should be a fine and loud time for all in the glorious sonic cave attached to Richards' Goat (\$15, \$18 at the door).

Saturday

It's the official beginning to the Kinetic weekend, which of course means that there's a **Rutabaga Ball** happening somewhere around these parts. This year's somewhere is the Eureka Theater, where for \$20 at 7 p.m. you can join the happy hordes of racers and partiers.

If you're in the mood for another style of weirdness, here are a couple of options. Downstairs at the Arcata Veterans Hall at 7 p.m., you will find the final night of the dark rockabilly play **The Starlight Inn**, an R-rated affair directed by Tisha Sloan and set in the titular desert — and nearly deserted — motel, stocked with a few damned and horny souls.

Speaking of desert dramas, an hour later at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Alejandro Jodorowsky's evil psychedelic western **El Topo** will be filling up the big screen with even bigger imagery, possibly spilling out

of the margins and embedding itself into the wastelands of the gray matter of the audience. Doors at 6 p.m., show around 7 p.m., \$8 to get in, \$12 to leave with a poster.

And finally, if you want to break from the triple sevens of the entertainment clockface, wait until 8:30 p.m. and head over to Humbrews, where the doors will be opening for **Yak Attack**, an electronic trio from Portland specializing in drum and bass, house, funk beats and chipped up breaks (\$15).

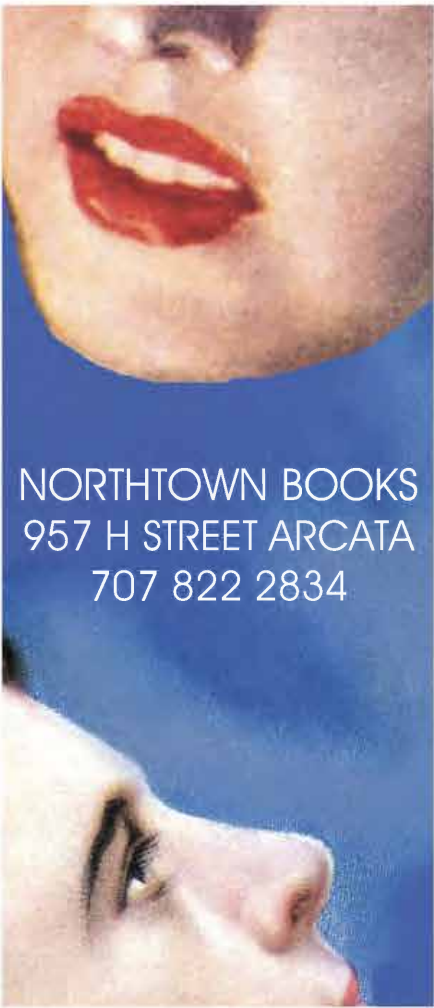
Sunday

Say goodbye to the old ways of the spring season and scratch another academic cycle off the charts with a psychedelic dance party with heavy tropical tones. Brothers David and Rene Pacheco took the backyard sounds from their East L.A. childhood and created a beautiful monster of cumbia music wedded to punk and grunge called **Tropa Magica**. That lovely critter will be shaking the walls of the Miniplex tonight at 8:30 p.m., with local support from **Pichea**. I have seen these fellas live and can attest that the experience is worth far more than the price of admission, which is \$15 for advance tickets, \$20 at the door.

Memorial Day

That's all for now, folks. Celebrate Memorial Day as you see fit and I'll see you later this week.

Collin Yeo (he/him) welcomes the shift change.



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VENUE	THURS 5/22	FRI 5/23	SAT 5/24	SUN 5/25	M-T-W 5/26-5/28
ARCATA PLAYHOUSE 1251 Ninth St. (707) 822-1575	Origins: Compositions of Horace Silver, Homage to the Jazz Messengers w/Ramsey Isaacs and James Zeller 7 p.m. \$10-\$30				
ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St., Arcata (707) 822-1220		<i>Dazed & Confused</i> (1993) (film) 7-10 p.m. \$8, \$12 w/poster	<i>El Topo</i> (1970) (film) 6-9 p.m. \$8, \$12 w/poster	<i>The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of The Ring</i> (2001) (film) 5-9:30 p.m. \$8, \$12 with poster	[W] SciFi Night: <i>Lifeforce</i> (1985) 40th Anniversary (film) 6-9 p.m. \$6, \$10 w/poster
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	RLAD (jazz fusion) 8 p.m. Free	Boa Birthday Bash ft. Boa Jazz Quintet, Bump Foundation, Boa and Friends 9 p.m. \$5	The Undercovers (cover hits) 9 p.m. \$10		
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta (707) 733-9644		Thirsty Bear: Music Video Mashup (MVM night) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: Under the Influence (covers) 9 p.m. Free		
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-9770	Wave: Line Dancing with Contessa 7-8:30 p.m. Free	Wave: Latin Night with DJ Pachanguero 9 p.m. Free	Wave: Cory Phillips (acoustic soul) 9 p.m. Free		[M] Wave: Treat Yourself Karaoke 9 p.m. Free, [W] Comedy Night w/Joe Bartnick 7-9 p.m. Free
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free			[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m.
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934				Open Mic Night 6:30 p.m.	[M] Open Mic for Musicians 7 p.m. Free, Pete's Projecting Again! 8:30-10 p.m. \$5, [T] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. \$10, [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free
DOUBLE D STEAK & SEAFOOD 320 Main St., Fortuna (707) 725-3700	Karaoke 6-9 p.m. Free				
THE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611					[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
HISTORIC EAGLE HOUSE 139 Second St., Eureka (707) 444-3344	Phatsy Kline's: Acoustic Night with The Critics, Red Hot Shame, Dos Galletas, Moondancer 6-9 p.m. Free	Phatsy Kline's: Lost Coast Steamers Mixer 5-7 p.m. Free, Tarot Salon with Pop Culture Healing 5:30-8 p.m. \$20-\$25	Phatsy Kline's: Latin Dance Night 7-9:30 p.m. Free		[T] Baywater Blues Fusion Dance 7-9:15 p.m. \$5-\$15, [W] Line Dancing in the Ballroom 6-8 p.m. \$10
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata (707) 826-2739	Rik Jam, Dalwayne, DJ Just One (reggae) 10 p.m. \$23/\$20	Grateful Getdown (Grateful Dead) 9 p.m. \$15	Yak Attack (electronic power trio) 8:30 p.m. \$15		
KAPTAIN'S QUARTERS 517 F St., Eureka (707) 798-1273		Soul Trip (rock n roll) 8 p.m. Free	Orion Jesse Paul (live music) 8 p.m. Free		[W] Open Mic Night 6:30 p.m. Free
THE LOGGER BAR 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake (707) 668-5000					[W] Jazz Bros. 4-6 p.m., Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 8-11 p.m. Free
MINIPLEX 401 I St., Arcata (707) 630-5000	G.O.A.T Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	Being Dead, Nug 8:30 p.m.	Twins Night - Karaoke Costume Party 8:30 p.m. Free	Tropa Magica, Pichea (psychedelic cumbia punk, rock) 8:30 p.m. \$20	
OCEAN GROVE COCKTAIL LOUNGE 480 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad (707) 677-3543					[M] Rudelion DanceHall Mondayz (reggae, dancehall, soca) 8 p.m. \$5



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SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 845-8864		Jenny Zigrino (comedy) 9 p.m. \$15	Jenny Zigrino (comedy) 9 p.m. \$15	Shannon's Sunday Open Mic 9 p.m.	[M] The Deposition 9-11 p.m. Free, [T] A Picture is Worth 1,000 Laughs 9 p.m. \$5
SIX RIVERS BREWERY 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-7580		Jim Lahman Band 6-8 p.m. Free			[W] Pints for Nonprofits for the Bees (HCBA) noon-8 p.m.
SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka (707) 444-2244	The Big 8 7-10 p.m. Free	Friday Night Jazz w/The Opera Alley Cats 8-11 p.m. Free	Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band (soul, funk) 8-11 p.m. Free		[T] Tuesday Night Jazz w/The Opera Alley Cats 7-10 p.m. Free
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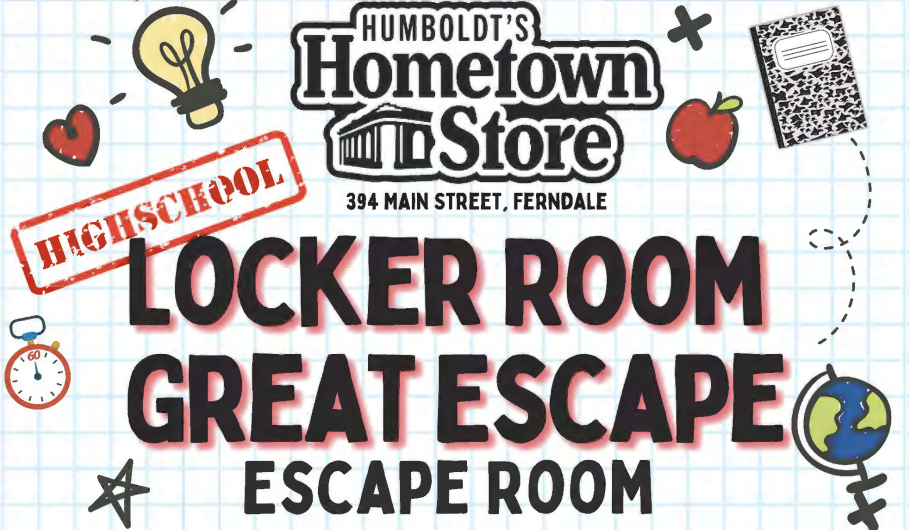
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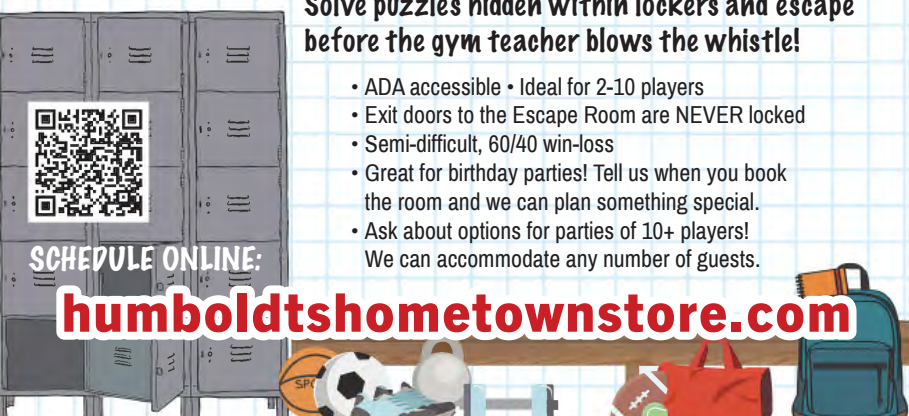
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The legendary **Kinetic Grand Championship**, happening **May 24-26**, is pedaling, floating and rolling its way through Humboldt for three days of pure, unadulterated imagination on wheels (free). The fun begins on **Saturday, May 24, at noon** on the **Arcata Plaza** where you can watch the innovative and colorful contraptions take a few laps before setting off toward Eureka via Samoa. It ends on **Main Street in Ferndale**, where it all began over a half a century ago with Hobart Brown, on **Monday, May 26**.



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Before you hit the drops, pavement and parties, be sure to carb, caffeine and protein up at **Before You Kinetic - Breakfast with the Humboldt Grange, Saturday, May 24, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Humboldt Grange No. 501** (\$10 large, \$7 small). Make sure you've got the necessary stamina for a weekend of Kinetic madness by filling up on a hearty breakfast. The Grangers have you covered, serving up plates of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes or biscuits and gravy, coffee or tea and juice. Go get it.



Photo by Mark McKenna

"No Kings!" may be the mantra of 2025, but here in Humboldt, we love our Queens. Join the revelry at the **2025 Rutabaga Ball**, dazzling the stage at the **Eureka Theater on Saturday, May 24, starting at 7 p.m.** (\$20). Witness the coronation of the queen who'll reign supreme over the legendary human-powered sculpture race, our own Kinetic Grand Championship. Missing it would be a royal mistake.

22 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

DANCE

Line Dancing with Contessa. 7-8:30 p.m. Wave Lounge, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. A classic dance for your repertoire taught by someone with a decade of experience. Free. bluelakecasino.com/entertainment/wave.

MUSIC

Origins: Compositions of Horace Silver, Homage to the Jazz Messengers. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. The first concert in a series honoring Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers with hosts Ramsey Isaacs and James Zeller. Enjoy the soulful 1950s hard bop with Zeller on trombone, Tree on tenor saxophone, Matthew Seno on piano, Lee Phillips on bass and Isaacson drums. \$10-\$30. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org/event-details/origins-compositions-of-horace-silver-homage-to-the-jazz-messengers-series-opener. (707) 822-0898.

THEATER

The Starlite Inn. 7 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Mitch Finn's twisty, genre-bending, adult-themed psychological drama about the guests at a fleabag hotel in the Mojave. Directed by Tisha Sloan. \$15 general, \$20 table seating. writetotisha@gmail.com. facebook.com/events/1694979027814035/. (707) 599-4761.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Fourth Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. Monthly league nights are open to all ages and skill levels. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Games at 6 p.m. Different format each week. Bags are available to borrow. Drinks available at the Canteen. Outside food OK. \$15. mike@buffaloboard.com. TBA.

23 Friday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. \$10, cash or Venmo.

MOVIES

Dazed & Confused (1993). 7-10 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 7 p.m. Movie at 8 p.m. The adventures of a group of Texas teens on their last day of school in 1976. \$8, \$12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/713414497863326/. (707) 613-3030.

THEATER

The Starlite Inn. 8 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. See May 22 listing.

Urinetown. 8 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Nan Voss directs the satirical musical comedy about a revolt against the oppressive dystopian regime. Presented by North Coast Repertory Theatre. \$20, \$18 students/seniors. ncrt.net.

EVENTS

Cirque Ma'Ceo. 7 p.m. Redwood Acres Raceway, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Circus featuring horses and world-class artists. \$40. cavaloeqarts@live.com. go.evvnt.com/3012634-0?pid=6359. (800) 927-1539.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

FOOD

Garberville Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Garberville Town Square, Church Street. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers, crafts and more. Enjoy music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/miranda.html. (707) 441-9999.

MEETINGS

Lost Coast Steamers Mixer. Fourth Friday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. Monthly mixer for steampunk enthusiasts to gather. Every fourth Friday of the month brought to you by the Lost Coast Steamers Steampunk Consortium. Free. events@historiceaglehouse.com. historiceaglehouse.com. (707) 444-3344.

Tarot Salon with Pop Culture Healing. Fourth Friday of every month, 5:30-8 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Join Geneva Elise every fourth Friday for a community tarot event for readers of all levels. Meet in Phatsy Kline's for snacks before heading to the Bayview Dining Room. Bring your deck and a journal. Light refreshments provided. Second half is dedicated to practicing reading for each other. \$20-\$25. events@historiceaglehouse.com. popculturehealing.com/tarotsalon. (707) 444-3344.

OUTDOORS

Stranded Marine Mammal Lecture and Training. 5-7 p.m. Community Clubhouse, 1555 Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove. Dawn Goley, director of CalPoly Humboldt's Stranded Marine Mammal Monitoring Program presents data collected through our local hub. Saturday morning features a training for those interested in joining the Shelter Cove monitoring team. Free. justin@lostcoast.org. lostcoast.org.

Trailhead Hosts at Black Sands Beach. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Black Sands Beach Trailhead, King Range National Conservation Area, Shelter Cove. Friends of the Lost Coast and the Bureau of Land Management's Trailhead Hosts

program organizes volunteers to engage visitors and share information about the King Range, beach safety, park rules/regulations and Leave No Trace principles. Volunteer shifts are available Memorial Day Weekend May 23-26. Free. justin@lostcoast.org. lostcoast.org/event/trailhead-hosts-memorial-day-weekend/.

ETC

Skate Night. 6:30-9 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. First-come, first-served. No pre-registration needed. Maximum 75 skaters. All ages. May 30 is adult night. \$6, \$5 youth (17 and under). cjungers@ci.eureka.ca.gov. eureka.ca.gov/248/Roller-Skating.

24 Saturday

DANCE

Latin Dance Night. Fourth Saturday of every month, 7-9:30 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. Dance to salsa, bachata, timba, cumbia and more. Tapas, desserts and drinks available in Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge. Free. latindancehumboldt@gmail.com. facebook.com/events/392265170618122. (707) 496-6189.

MOVIES

El Topo (1970). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Movie at 7 p.m. El Topo decides confronts warrior masters on a desert journey with his son. \$8, \$12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/544107545428042/. (707) 613-3030.

Voices That Heal - Mental Health Awareness Month Documentary. 4-7 p.m. United Congregational Christian Church, 900 Hodgson St., Eureka. A documentary by filmmaker Alex Goldenberg that chronicles six individual journeys through the mental health system. Discussion with the filmmaker follows. All proceeds go to the United Congregational Christian Church. \$5-\$10 suggested donation. patrick.sosa@yahoo.com. unitedeureka.org/calendar. (707) 445-5488.

SPOKEN WORD

Personas Multilingual Literary Journal Release and Reading. 3-5 p.m. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. Celebrate the work of local multilingual writers, listen to readings of selected pieces, pick up a free print copy of the journal and enjoy refreshments representing cultures around the world. Free. jonathan-maiullo@redwoods.edu. (707) 476-4527.

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The Good, the Bad, the Bubbly: Disability Awareness Open-Mic and Story Share. 2-4 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Share your stories, poems, songs or comedy bits about living with a disability or caring for someone who does. Pastries/bubbly. Community members are welcome to join and hear our lived experiences. Fundraiser for PWSA USA. Advance tickets secure an open-mic spot and a glass of bubbly. Donation. humboldtmama@gmail.com. give.pwsausa.org/fundraiser/6209982.

Kinetic Grand Championship. Locations throughout Humboldt County. This annual event, referred to as the "Triathlon of the Art World," combines art, engineering and athleticism in a unique race spanning 40+ miles through towns, beaches, trails and rivers. Free. kineticgrandchampionship.com.

Open House Wine Tasting. 1-5 p.m. Briceland Vineyards, 5959 Briceland Road, Redway. Tasting will feature a full lineup of white, red and sparkling wine. Hors d'oeuvres including gluten-free and vegan options. Live music by Ray Bevtori. Bring a blanket to sit on the the grass or stop to visit the Rose Garden. facebook.com/events/1034778425255265. (707) 358-0461.

Rutabaga Ball. 7 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. A pageant of kinetic proportions to decide who will reign in glory over the Kinetic Grand Championship. Food, music, fun. \$20. theeurekatheater.org.

The Sanctuary Donation Dash Rummage Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Dispersing food, household items, clothing, electronics and other usable items departing students leave behind back into the community with a sale benefiting the Sanctuary. Free. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org.

FOOD

Arcata Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Year round, offering fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Live music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA-certified, service animals welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org. (707) 441-9999.

Before You Kinetic - Breakfast with the Humboldt Grange. 8-11 a.m. Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Fuel up before you Kinetic with scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes or biscuits and gravy, coffee or tea, and juice. \$10 large, \$7 small. humboldtgrange501@gmail.com. facebook.com/events/23923549393941501/. (707) 442-4890.

Pancake Breakfast. Fourth Saturday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Serving scrambled eggs, pancakes or biscuits and gravy, and sausage (patties or links). Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice. \$10, \$7 seniors/youth 5-12. (707) 442-4890.

OUTDOORS

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Gail Coonen at 2 p.m. in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. In honor of the 57th Kinetic Grand Championship Race, Gail will concentrate on "things that move at the Marsh" during the walk. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Stranded Marine Mammal Lecture and Training. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Community Clubhouse, 1555 Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove. See May 23 listing.

Trailhead Hosts at Black Sands Beach. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Black Sands Beach Trailhead, King Range National Conservation Area, Shelter Cove. See May 23 listing.

SPORTS

Fortuna Recreational Volleyball. 10 a.m.-noon. Fortuna High School, 379 12th St. Ages 45 and up. Call Dolly. In the Girls Gym. (707) 725-3709.

ETC

The Bike Library. 12-4 p.m. The Bike Library, 1286 L St., Arcata. Hands-on repair lessons and general maintenance, used bicycles and parts for sale. Donations of parts and bicycles gladly accepted. nothingtoseehere@riseup.net.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy

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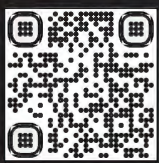
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a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

25 Sunday

MOVIES

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001). 5-9:30 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. A Hobbit from the Shire and eight companions set out on a journey to destroy the powerful One Ring and save Middle-earth from the Dark Lord Sauron. Extended Edition. \$8, \$12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/661519856469619/. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Sweet Harmony. 4-5:30 p.m. United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Women singing four-part harmony a capella. Now welcoming new members with all levels of experience. (707) 845-1959.

THEATER

Urinetown. 2 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. See May 23 listing.

EVENTS

Trinidad Memorial Ceremony. 2 p.m. Trinidad Bay Memorial Park, Edwards and Trinity Streets. The 30th annual memorial honoring those lost or buried at sea, featuring bagpipes, flag ceremony, live music, readings, guest speakers, a Coast Guard flyover and lighthouse bell ringing. trinidadcivicclub.org.

Cirque Ma'Ceo. 7 p.m. Redwood Acres Raceway, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. See May 23 listing.

Kinetic Grand Championship. Locations throughout Humboldt County. See May 24 listing.

Open House Wine Tasting. 1-5 p.m. Briceland Vineyards, 5959 Briceland Road, Redway. See May 24 listing.

Trinidad Artisans Market. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Murphy's Market and Deli, Trinidad, 1 Main St. Art, crafts, live music and barbecue every Sunday through Sept. 14. Free. murphysmarkets.net. (707) 834-8720.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

GARDEN

Heart of the Redwoods Community Hospice Garden Tour. 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Heart of the Redwoods Community Hospice, 464 Maple Lane, Garberville. Visit four gardens at the peak of spring bloom, including the Julia Morgan Redwood Grove in Benbow and three home gardens. Stroll, meet the gardeners, enjoy a snack and beverage, and try your luck in the raffle. \$50. hospice@asis.com. heartoftheredwoodscommunityhospice.org/. (707) 923-7276.

Stewardship Extravaganza. 9 a.m.-noon. Freshwater Farms Reserve, 5851 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of Northcoast Regional Land Trust by collaborating with other local organizations, clearing invasive species, improving trail accessibility and more. Art from local artists, treats and more. Free. info@ncrlt.org. ncrlt.org/events/stewardship-work-day-in-partnership-with-the-humboldt-trails-council-2025-05-18/. (707) 822-2242.

OUTDOORS

Nature Journaling at the Arcata Marsh. Last Sunday of every month, 10 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. No pre-registration required but sessions are limited to the first 10 people. All ages welcome, if they can

concentrate quietly for an extended period. Heavy rain cancels. Clipboards and colored pencils provided; bring notebook, journal or other paper and a writing implement. Wear weather-appropriate clothing. info@arcatamarshfriends.org. (707) 826-2359.

Trailhead Hosts at Black Sands Beach. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Black Sands Beach Trailhead, King Range National Conservation Area, Shelter Cove. See May 23 listing.

26 Monday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See May 23 listing.

EVENTS

Kinetic Grand Championship. Locations throughout Humboldt County. See May 24 listing.

FOOD

Harvest Box Deliveries. Multi-farm-style CSA boxes with a variety of seasonal fruits and veggies, all GMO-free and grown locally. Serving Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville, Trinidad and Blue Lake. \$25/box, \$13 for EBT customers. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/harvestbox.html.

Miranda Certified Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Miranda Market, 6685 Avenue of the Giants. Fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers and more. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/miranda.html. (707) 441-9999.

OUTDOORS

Trailhead Hosts at Black Sands Beach. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Black Sands Beach Trailhead, King Range National Conservation Area, Shelter Cove. See May 23 listing.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesiharing. (707) 442-3763.

27 Tuesday

FOOD

Fortuna Farmers Market. 3-6 p.m. Fortuna Farmers Market, 10th and Main streets. Fresh fruits and vegetables, crafts and more. Enjoy music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/miranda.html. (707) 441-9999.

Shelter Cove Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Gyppo Ale Mill, 1661 Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, flowers and more. No pets but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/miranda.html. (707) 441-9999.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Humboldt Stamp Collectors' Club. Fourth Tuesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Humboldt Senior Resource Center, 1910 California St., Eureka. New collectors and

experts welcome. Learn about stamps, collecting and see local experts in stamps share their collections. Free. humstampclub@gmail.com.

Parent Project Hosted by Fortuna Teen Court. 6-8 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. A 10-week series covering topics like improving family relationships, using effective discipline to improve school attendance and performance, reducing substance use and negative peer influences, and addressing destructive behavior. Meet other parents in similar situations in a judgment-free zone. Free. fortunatc@bgcredwoods.org. bgcredwoods.org/fortuna-teen-court/. (707) 617-8160.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Virtual World, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. englishexpressem-powered.com. (707) 443-5021.

28 Wednesday

DANCE

Family Dance Party. 10-10:45 a.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Dance class for all ages and levels. Have fun with dance, rhythm, music and exercise. Especially geared to adult/child combo. \$10 for adult and child. redwoodraks.com. (707) 407-7715.

Line Dancing in the Ballroom. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6-8 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Grab your favorite western wear and boot, scoot and boogie across the ballroom floor. Instructor led. All skill levels welcome. All ages. \$10. events@histoiceaglehouse.com. (707) 444-3344.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Lifeforce (1985) 40th Anniversary. 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Raffle 6:45 p.m. Main feature 7 p.m. A race of space vampires arrives in London and infects the populace, beginning an apocalyptic descent into chaos. \$6, \$10 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/713844621207671/. (707) 613-3030.

MEETINGS

Community Cafe Open Co-Working Space. 12-4 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Bring your laptop and your projects. We'll provide the coffee, wi-fi and access to black-and-white printer. Free, donation. office@huuf.org. huuf.org. (707) 822-3793.

Humboldt Health Care for All. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Humboldt Health Care for All/Physicians for a National Health Program meet by Zoom. Email for meeting link. healthcareforallhumboldt@gmail.com.

ETC

Public Outreach Event – Bay to Zoo Trail. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Catherine L. Zane Middle School, 2155 S St., Eureka. Join City Staff, Councilmember Scott Bauer, and County Supervisor Natalie Arroyo for a presentation on the Bay to Zoo Trail Project. Following the presentation, a panel will answer questions received prior to the event. To submit a question, email BTZtrail@eurekaca.gov by May 23.

29 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See May 22 listing.

EVENTS

Free Game Night. 4-8 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. Join in the fun. Free. jessyca@glcccenter.org. glcccenter.org. (707) 725-3300.

FOR KIDS

Game Night. 4-8 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. Free game nights for ages 16 and older, or younger with an accompanying. Board games and card games. Check in with volunteer Matt Manzano. layla@glcccenter.org. glcccenter.org.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Last Thursday of

every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. See May 22 listing.

Heads Up ...

National Alliance on Mental Illness Humboldt offers a free, eight-session course in Eureka for family members and others who have loved ones living with a mental illness. For more information or to register please contact Edith at edith.fritzsche@gmail.com. Or fill out a program request form on NAMI Humboldt's website: nami-humboldt.org.

The Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center seeks weekend

volunteers to stay open. Weekend shifts are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 5 p.m., and include welcoming visitors, bookstore register and answering questions. You must be at least 18, complete paperwork and fingerprinting (free through Arcata Police). One-on-one training. Call (707) 826-2359 or email amic@cityofarcata.org.

Become a volunteer at Hospice of Humboldt. For more information about becoming a volunteer or about services provided by Hospice of Humboldt, call (707) 267-9813 or visit hospiceofhumboldt.org. ●



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NCTJ WASHED UP

Don't Eat the Sand Turkey

By Mike Kelly

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Washed up sand verberna root.

Photo by Mike Kelly

A mysterious man sold me an elixir he said would make my stringy beard as thick and silky as an otter's pelt. However, he did not mention the side effects.

I drank the stuff and went for my regular beach walk. It wasn't the hallucinations that produced a perfectly roasted Thanksgiving turkey on the beach — it really did look like one. But it was the hallucinations that made me try to eat it.

The "turkey" turned out to be the very stout root of a plant called yellow sand verberna (*Abronia latifolia*).

Over the years, I've occasionally seen these big bulbous roots washed up. I always assumed that they were from some plant that eroded out of the dunes during large storm surf. And sometimes they have tumbled in the surf long enough that their toasty looking skin has eroded off, which makes them look more like a huge peeled potato.

If you aren't chomping on a raw one while out of your mind on beard elixir, the sand verberna root — cooked properly — is actually edible. Supposedly they are similar to other root vegetables, and have a peppery flavor when roasted or fried.

But because Washed Up's readership numbers in the billions, I have to ask you all to please not dig up yellow sand verbernas to eat. Some other sand verberna species are endangered and we don't want the yellow sand verberna to follow them toward extinction.

Yellow sand verberna has a defensive trick called "psammophory." (Which is pronounced however you like.) Their heart-shaped succulent leaves have sticky hairs that hold onto wind-blown sand, which makes them difficult for browsers to eat. There may be several grains of sand stuck to each hair and the sand is arranged in a pattern that corresponds to the positions of the hairs, which seem to be concentrated around the leaf's edge.

The sticky hairs also appear to be

highly concentrated on the backside of the flower and its stem. So maybe these parts are particularly yummy to browsers. Anyway, the bright yellow flower heads are almost spherical and are made up of up to dozens of small individual flowers. I read a description of the structure of the flowers but it was too boring to repeat here. Let's just say that they are not like your stereotypical flowers with petals and stuff.

A single plant spreads out from the central root via horizontal stems and it forms a low-lying mat that's only a few inches high, but can be 10 or more feet across. When conditions are favorable, the plant can support dozens of flower clusters throughout most of the year. And insects, such as click beetles and bumblebees, and arachnids like our relatively large red mites, seem to like the flowers and probably provide pollination services.

Yellow sand verberna lives in wind-swept coastal dunes with well-drained sand because it does not tolerate prolonged exposure to fresh water, and it is adapted for salt spray. When conditions are poor, the branches can die back to the root, which stores energy to feed regrowth when favorable conditions return.

Later that day, as the hallucinations peaked, the ocean turned into gilette gravy, a washed-up jellyfish turned into cranberry sauce and the sand turned into stuffing. I tried to eat all of it.

I woke up in the hospital with damaged teeth and a tummy ache. At first, I didn't mind because my beard was indeed as lush as an otter's pelt. But apparently another side effect of the beard elixir is psammophory, so now when I go to the beach my beard gets full of sand.

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Lore and Gore

Final Destination: Bloodlines

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The energy I put into following drama.

Final Destination: Bloodlines

FINAL DESTINATION: BLOODLINES.

Over the weekend, a horror-loving friend and I scooted to the center of the middle row at the Mill Creek Cinema in McKinleyville with a bag of popcorn between us just as the real previews began. Despite the name, the *Final Destination* movies could very well continue into perpetuity, assuming the AI robots let us entertain ourselves with goofy gore. But this is likely the last movie I'll see at Mill Creek, which is slated to screen its last June 1. It was Saturday night on the opening weekend of a big, splashy horror movie, and the theater was mostly empty.

The revival of the schlocky franchise has a lot going for it: nostalgia for the early aughts, a reliable formula and the weird relief of laughing at the comically awful at a time when real-world awfulness is suffocating. That it didn't manage to draw a crowd is telling. We're broke, movies are expensive, streaming is convenient and maybe we've seen too many CG logs decapitate too many C-list actors.

The *Final Destination* movies take the oldest of premises — that you can't run from your destiny (shoutout to Sophocles) — and applies it to plane crashes, pileups and other tragedies with high death tolls. Death, an invisible entity with surprising shortcomings, runs down survivors rescued by premonition or chance, and deploys Rube Goldberg endings for them. Those who figure it out — typically hot teens and 20-somethings — dodge the slings and arrows and forks and lawnmowers as best they can by reading the signs of Death's approach. (Evidently, this frequently involves windchimes.) Each death has gratuitous splatter and a Bugs Bunny/Wile E. Coyote wackiness. A falling

anvil? A piano? Ten little accidents in a row that end with a house exploding? The more improbable the better.

Just as splatter movies render the horrific mundane, the *Final Destination* movies render the mundane threatening. We wince, watching the cursed target tying a shoelace on the curb, climbing a rickety ladder or, sweet mercy, lighting the stove for a cup of tea. We grimace, giggle and count down to the final cast member as the group is picked off, one OSHA violation at a time. The big accidents get disaster movie treatment, but it's the little things — like stepping on a tack — snowballing into outlandish gore that are the signature of the franchise.

A refresher on the oeuvre: The original begins with a plane full of high school kids exploding; the second is a highway pile-up starring a logging truck; the third installment has a roller coaster accident; fourth is a rough day at a racetrack; and the fifth in the series has a bridge collapse. The great Tony Todd shows up throughout as Bludworth, the creepiest of coroners, dispensing sage, if unsympathetic, advice for the cursed.

Final Destination: Bloodlines begins in the 1960s, with young Iris (Brec Bassinger) heading for a swanky Space Needle-like restaurant for dinner and dancing on a glass floor. A vision of the whole place coming down in a burning, shattered heap, killing everyone, spurs her to clear everyone out. Decades later, her college student granddaughter Stefani (Kaitlin Santa Juana) is plagued with nightmares of Iris' vision. Stefani returns home to her family, minus her estranged mother (Rya Kihlstedt), and tries to track down Iris (Gabrielle Rose), who's also estranged from the

family because of her wild theories and paranoia about Death coming to get her. When Stefani visits Iris at her junkyard/fortress/hideout, she gets a whole TedTalk about the rules of the game. Death, Iris informs her, has been picking off every survivor and each of their descendants in grisly ways. Now, only Iris and her progeny remain, so she passes Stefani her scrapbook of obituaries, notes and tricks for keeping the Grim Reaper at bay. Like Stefani, her family takes some convincing (read: witnessing hideous bloodbaths), but soon they're off to thwart their fates. Results are mixed.

The Ancestry.com of it all has its flaws (how long does Death wait?), but ultimately, it delivers the cringing, fake-outs, gross-outs, inventive ends and black humor it promises. (It may also ruin piercings for the faint of heart.) It's a goofy, bloody time at the movies for those of us who can stomach it, with none of the emotional intensity of more haunting horror. It's a genre that has its place — that place just won't be at the Mill Creek much longer. R. 110M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK. ●

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NOW PLAYING

THE ACCOUNTANT 2. Ben Affleck as the autistic underworld accountant/investigator, now reunited with his hitman brother (Jon Bernthal). R. 132M. BROADWAY.

FINAL DESTINATION: BLOODLINES.

The Rube Goldberg machine of death follows a cursed family tree in the latest installment of the horror franchise. R. 110M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

HURRY UP TOMORROW. Things get weird for an insomniac musician (The Weeknd) when he crosses paths with a strangely familiar woman (Jenna Ortega). R. 115M. BROADWAY.

THE LAST RODEO. A rodeo rider takes one turn in the saddle for family in this Christian drama. PG. 118M. BROADWAY.

LILO AND STITCH. Live-action remake of the space alien adventure in Hawaii. PG. 108M. BROADWAY (3D), MILL CREEK (3D), MINOR.

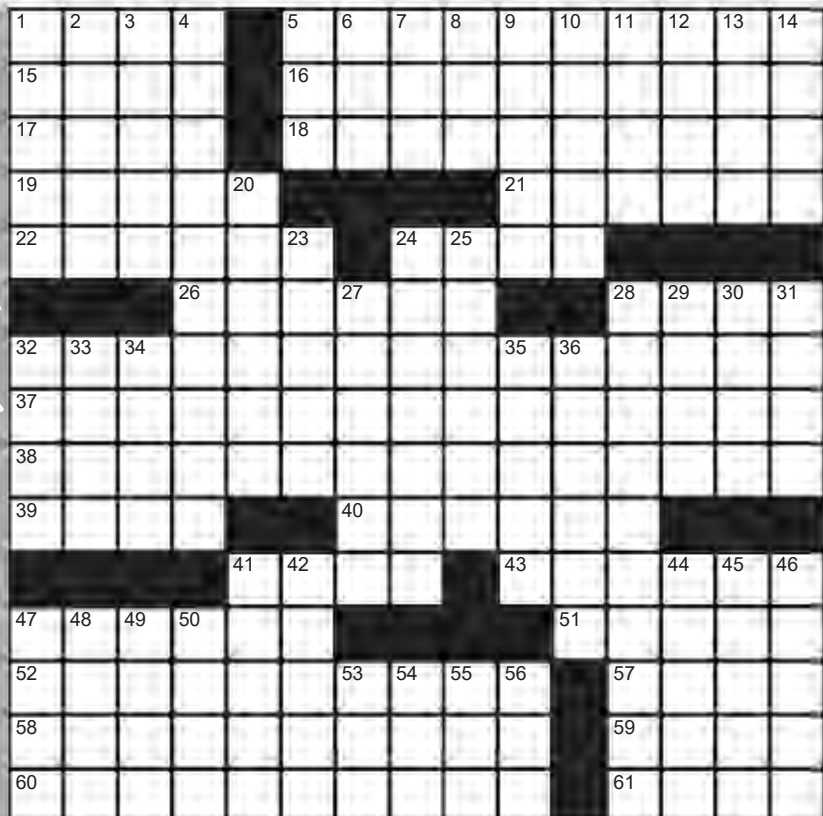
A MINECRAFT MOVIE. Trapped in the blocky video game with Steve. Starring Jack Black and Jason Momoa. PG. 102M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – FINAL RECKONING. Tom Cruise reprises his superspy role to battle AI evil because you people won't stop asking Chat GPT things and feeding the robots. PG13. 169M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

SINNERS. Ryan Coogler directs Michael B. Jordan as twins battling the undead in the South during Prohibition. R. 137M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

THUNDERBOLTS*. An international assortment of Marvel antiheroes banding together to fight baddies. Starring Sebastian Stan, Florence Pugh and David Harbour. PG13. 127M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

ACROSS

1. Fluffy rug type
5. Supervisory scuba pro
15. Jet speed unit
16. Question of finger-pointing
17. Prefix for farmers
18. Person seen in now-notable footage from the 2005 World Series
19. Opera singer Tetrastini (of chicken and pasta fame)
21. Rhino relatives with long snouts
22. Some flat screens
24. Gift card blank
26. Movie that elicits certain emotions
28. ___ sci (college dept.)
32. "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" actor who's

on the current season (series!) of "Taskmaster"

37. Running automatically, maybe
38. Sneakily got halfway?
39. Abbr. before a founding year
40. Dark German lager variety
41. "Sure, sure"
43. Shoe blemishes
47. Necessitate
51. Green hill
52. Does double duty?
57. Item you may wait with
58. Event where you win, lose, and draw?
59. Temptation
60. One who prefers NES to the Switch
- 2, perhaps

61. 1914 Belgian battle river

DOWN

1. One end of a Goodwill rack
2. Court locale, with "The"
3. Stinging
4. 2001 comic book-based black comedy with the tagline "Accentuate the negative"
5. Fist-bump greeting
6. "As I see it," in a text
7. Somebody
8. Les Jeux Olympiques d'___ de Paris
9. "___ bene!"
10. At right angles to a ship's keel
11. Bad AI-generated "art"
12. Airport-to-hotel

- option
13. Kuwait VIP
14. Fires up the engine
20. Manhattan map line
23. Bracket
24. Sliced thin
25. Narrative device that resolves plot holes
27. ___ conducciŭn (driver's license, in Durango)
28. In forthright terms
29. New Orleans veggie
30. Country where the Buddha's breastbone is reportedly located
31. Shipwreck site
32. "Yes, Chef!" judge Andr s
33. They may get into cereal boxes

34. Either of the Proclaimers, by birth
35. Joke "prizes" on a certain game show
36. Waiting to hit
41. Northern abode
42. Former spirituality/philosophy radio show "On ___"
44. Half of a Daymond John-owned apparel brand
45. Warning signal
46. More sneaky
47. "Lupin" star Sy
48. Snoozefest
49. NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie
50. Price hike, briefly
53. Rockstar series, for short
54. Fashion line
55. Mao ___-tung
56. Bering or Magellan (abbr.)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED



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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 23-00076

The following person have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name

Parker Property Management Services

1175 G Street Suite B
Arcata, CA 95521
The fictitious business name was filed in HUMBOLDT County on 3/16/23

Amanda J Parker
1175 G Street Suite B

Arcata, CA 95521
Sherilyn A Munger
1175 G Street Suite B
Arcata, CA 95521
This business was conducted by an individual.

/s/ Amanda Parker, Co-partner
This state was filed with the HUMBOLDT County Clerk on February 6, 2025

I hereby certify that this copy is true and correct copy of the original

statement on file in my office
s/ JR, Deputy Clerk
Humboldt County Clerk
5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 (25-176)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00201

The following person is doing Business as

Custom Property Management

Humboldt
1175 G Street, Suite B
Arcata, CA 95521
Sherilyn A Munger
1175 G Street, Suite B
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to

be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Sherilyn Munger, Owner
This April 23, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 (25-177)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00197

The following person is doing Business as

Fernwood Art & Design

Humboldt
1618 Weber St
Fortuna, CA 95540
PO Box 621
Fortuna, CA 95540
Heather Y Mellon
1618 Weber St
Fortuna, Ca 95540

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 7/1/2024.

I declare that all information in this

statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Heather Y Mellon, Owner
This April 22, 2025
by SC, Deputy Clerk

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 (25-178)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00185

The following person is doing Business as

Camp Dogtopia

Humboldt
830 Green Rd
Kneeland, CA 95549
Bluebird Herbs, LLC
830 Green Rd
Kneeland, CA 95549

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name or name listed above on 4/2/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Sonja Boynton
This April 16, 2025
by JC, Deputy Clerk

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 (25-179)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00190

The following person is doing Business as

Emerald Coast Sustainable Seafood Company

Humboldt
1657 Childrens Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519
Mason H Macallais
1657 Childrens Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Zachary D Hannum
1657 Childrens Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Mason Macallais, Co-partner
This April 18, 2025
by JC, Deputy Clerk

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 (25-180)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00214

The following person is doing Business as

EO Electrolysis

Humboldt
927 Main St
Fortuna, CA 95540
2504 Shay Ct
Fortuna, CA 95540
Abundant Living Enterprises, LLC
CA B20250030082

2504 Shay Ct
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Elisa M Rodriguez, Managing Member
This April 28, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22 (25-186)

LEGALS?

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Ralph Leonard Lindstrom, Jr.
April 25, 1932 - April 17, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of our father, Ralph Lindstrom, on April 17, 2025, a week before his 93rd birthday. He was a guiding light in our lives, a devoted father, and a man who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Born and raised in the Humboldt County bayside hamlet of Fairhaven, on the Samoa peninsula. Ralph developed a lifelong love of the outdoors. Steeped in the family's long history of shipbuilding, Ralph was a natural when it came to construction. He possessed a rare talent to visualize what the completed project could become. Through over 64 years of active working life as a designer, builder, and developer, Ralph worked on over 400 building projects throughout his life, including local restaurants (Samoa Cookhouse), General Hospital, and Pacific Charter School (formerly Moore Avenue Preschool). In 2015 he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Humboldt Builders Exchange.

Ralph was a Veteran of the United States Air Force during the years 1950 - 1954. He was a proud veteran and gave impeccable and honorable service to his Country. He became the first to hold a newly created title of Base Carpenter in the Air Force.

Spirituality and faith were a central way of life for Ralph. Faith and building were in his heart.

Ralph is preceded in death by his wife, Pamela, parents Ralph Lindstrom Sr. and Margaret Fasullo, brothers Robert Lindstrom and Oscar (Sonny) Lindstrom, and sister Genevieve Johnson. Ralph is survived by his daughters Kathryn Lindstrom, Shelly Lindstrom, Kim Lindstrom, and Vanessa Lindstrom-Maglio; sons Leonard Lindstrom and Eric Lindstrom, and Ralph's sister, Barbara Fagernes. He is also survived by grandchildren Sarah, Emily, Jessica, Kaitlyn, William, Miles, Violet, Miranda, and Matthew, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Ralph leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments benefiting his community in Humboldt County, and his legacy of love for his family. Ralph's family wants to especially thank the staff of Hospice of Humboldt. The family would appreciate donations to Hospice of Humboldt in memory of Ralph L. Lindstrom Jr.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Ralph's life on August 3rd at the Wharfinger Building, Great Room, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Wharfinger building is located at 1 Marina Way, Eureka, CA 95501.

LEGAL NOTICES

HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT

Begins Second Phase of Seismic Upgrades to Water Storage Infrastructure
Contact: Contessa Dickson Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Phone: 707-443-5018 Email: Contessa@HB-MWD.com
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMD) has successfully completed the first phase of the

seismic retrofit of its domestic water storage tanks, a critical component of its ongoing commitment to infrastructure resilience. The second phase of the retrofit is set to begin Friday, May 23, 2025, and will focus on upgrades to the District's 2-million gallon storage tank.

To maintain water quality during this next phase, HBMD will temporarily increase the chlorine residual in the water supply. This proactive measure ensures continued compliance with state and federal drinking water standards throughout the duration of the retrofit, which is scheduled for completion in Fall 2025.

"The increased chlorine residual should not be noticeable at the tap and will support completion of

the seismic upgrades to our water storage tanks," said Dale Davidsen, Superintendent at HBMD. "These upgrades are needed to protect our infrastructure and improve our seismic resiliency."

Chlorine is routinely added to drinking water to eliminate bacteria and harmful microorganisms during the treatment process. A chlorine residual—a small, safe amount of chlorine—remains in the water as it travels through distribution pipelines to ensure that water reaching customers' faucets remains clean and safe to drink.

HBMD provides high-quality drinking water to much of Humboldt County, including the Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, and Eureka, as well as the Community Services Districts of Humboldt, Manila, McKinleyville, and Fieldbrook.





PRESS RELEASE
For Immediate Release – May 22, 2025
Stop the Spread of Golden Mussels
Clean, Drain and Dry Watercraft and Trailers
to Prevent Infestation of Humboldt County's
Primary Water Source at Ruth Lake, California
Contact:

**Caitlin Canale at Ruth Lake Community Services District (RLCSD)
707-574-6332**

RUTH LAKE, Calif.—Before enjoying Ruth Lake this summer, be sure to Clean, Drain and Dry all watercraft including kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, rafts, boats and trailers to prevent the spread of the recently introduced aquatic invasive species, the golden mussel. The golden mussel, native to East and Southeast Asia, was first documented in California in October 2024 and is spreading throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta at an alarming rate. The golden mussel is capable of rapidly spreading, wreaking havoc on ecological health and threatening water infrastructure and quality at a much more aggressive rate than the quagga and zebra mussels. Golden mussels easily spread to new habitats from watercraft and trailers. You might unintentionally transport their microscopic larvae in water held in your boat's ballast tank or bilge.

Ruth Lake, impounded by Matthews Dam on the Mad River, serves as the drinking water source for the majority of Humboldt County. The dense colonization of golden mussels would threaten operations of Matthews Dam, threatening Humboldt County's water supply. The lake is also a favorite recreational destination for Northern Californians. Access to Ruth Lake is controlled by the Ruth Lake Community Services District in partnership with the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. If boaters fail to take necessary precautions to protect Ruth Lake from the golden mussel, public access to Ruth Lake may be closed.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife officials say "Based on the water quality data, Ruth Lake definitely has high enough calcium levels to support golden mussel establishment if they are introduced. Ruth has the correct calcium, pH, dissolved oxygen, and temperatures for their survival and reproduction."

"To ensure Ruth Lake remains open to recreational use, boaters must do their part to protect Humboldt County's water source by cleaning, draining, and drying all watercraft equipment—from power boats to stand up paddle boards—prior to entering the lake," said Michiko Mares, General Manager at the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. "Across California, public access to recreational waters are being closed because of the risk of spreading golden mussels. Please be responsible to keep Ruth Lake open to our community for recreational purposes and to assure our water source is protected."

"Before your watercraft can enter the lake, it must be inspected. Prior to arriving at Ruth Lake, be sure your watercraft is completely cleaned, drained, and dried. Inspections are available at the Ruth Lake Marina, seven days a week from 7am to 7pm or at the Ruth Recreational Campground, seven days a week from 8am to 8pm" said Caitlin Canale, General Manager of the Ruth Lake Community Services District.

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and Ruth Lake Community Services District are working closely with state and federal agencies and other water managers to track the spread of the golden mussel, monitor boat traffic, inspect watercraft, and prepare long-term plans in the event the golden mussel is introduced into Ruth Lake.

For any questions please call: Ruth Lake Marina: 707-574-6194
Ruth Rec Campground: 707-574-6196
Please visit RLCSD website for more information. <https://www.ruthlake-csd.org/sidebar/golden-zebra-quagga-mussel/>

5/22, 5/29 (25-210)

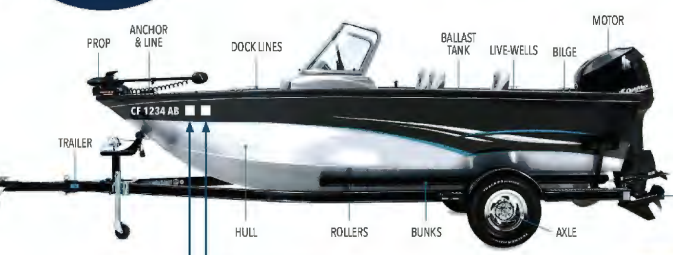
CLEAN | DRAIN | DRY

Prevent the spread of invasive mussels

CLEAN your gear, boat, and trailer before leaving the area. Remove plants, animals, and mud. Dispose of unwanted bait and debris in the trash.

DRAIN bilge, ballast, wells, and buckets before you leave the parking area, and never drain back into the waterway.

DRY equipment before launching into another body of water. Waiting periods can vary – check with your local waterbody.



Display your **DMV Registration** and **Mussel Fee Stickers** on the hull





Melissa Elizabeth Gordon

Died Saturday May 10, 2025. Celebration of life event will be announced in a future issue.

LEGAL NOTICES Continued from previous page

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00194

The following person is doing Business as

Adorn Construction / Adorn Construction Group

Humboldt
190 Willow Lane
Arcata, CA 95521

Adorn Construction Group, LLC CA 202464018362 190 Willow Lane Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 3/10/25.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s John Klimenko, President
This April 21, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/8, 5/15, 5/2, 5/292 (25-194)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00225

The following person is doing Business as

Sunrow

Humboldt
735 10th Street
Fortuna, CA 95540

Robert A Stevens 735 10th St Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 4/25/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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/s Robert A. Stevens, Owner

This April 25, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-199)

STATEMENT 25-00206

The following person is doing Business as

Sweet Snow

Humboldt
3824 Jacobs Ave Space #11

1305 Haven Lane Apt D McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 5/12/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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/s Trent Padilla, Owner

This May 12, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/15, 5/2, 5/29, 6/5 (25-205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00224

The following person is doing Business as

Mad River Mass Timber Corp.

Humboldt
1185 Maple Creek Road
Korbel, CA 95550

Mad River Mass Timber Corp. California 6348487 1185 Maple Creek Road Korbel, CA 95550

The business is conducted by a Corporation.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 4/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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/s Yann Therene, Owner

This April 23, 2025
by SC, Deputy Clerk

5/15, 5/2, 5/29, 6/5 (25-200)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00178

The following person is doing Business as

Happy Hour Human Resources Consulting, LLC

Humboldt
6075 Celilo St
Eureka, CA 95503

2108 N St. Ste N

Sacramento, CA 95516

Happy Hour Human Resources Consulting, LLC CA 202565914701 2108 N St. Ste N Sacramento, CA 95516

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 2/20/2025.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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/s Jessica Jabbour, Executive Director – Sole Member

This April 8, 2025

by JC, Deputy Clerk

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00237

The following person is doing Business as

Ash and Rain Massage Therapy

Humboldt
1305 Haven Lane Apt D
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Trent A. Padilla

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00189

The following person is doing Business as

Mr. Humboldt Cannabis Dispensary

12 W 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Humboldt

Kuda Bros Distro, LLC CA 202025311073

12 W 4th Street Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a limited liability company.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 9/13/2024.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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/s Scott McAllester, COO

This April 17, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-214)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00216

The following person is doing Business as

All Lost Coast Bail Bonds

Humboldt
509 J St, Suite 9
Eureka, CA 95501

Charles E. Blasingame

509 J St, Suite 9 Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an individual.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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/s George Schmidbauer, President/CEO

This May 6, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00247

The following person is doing Business as

Softwash 707 / Gradin Land Management / Gradin Management, Inc.

Humboldt

1400 Cathey Rd

Miranda, CA 95553

PO Box 135

Miranda, CA 95553

Gradin Management, Inc. CA B20250039825

1400 Cathey Rd Miranda, CA 95553

The business is conducted by a corporation.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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/s Garrett Gradin, CEO

This May 15, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-213)

be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s David Rominger, Eureka Dock/Manager

This May 12, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-216)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 25-00222

The following person is doing Business as

Humboldt Spay/Neuter Clinic

Humboldt

2606 Myrtle Ave

Eureka, CA 95501

Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network CA 2023190861

2606 Myrtle Ave Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a corporation.

The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 8/10/18.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s Susan Rosso, Secretary, Board of Directors

This May 2, 2025

by JR, Deputy Clerk

5/8, 5/15, 5/2, 5/29 (25-222)

PUBLIC NOTICE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Housing Authority of the County of Humboldt has completed a draft of the updated Administrative Plan.

A copy of the draft is available for review at the Housing Authority website www.eurekahumboldt.org or by request.

A public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the updated Administrative Plan draft will be held via conference call on June 24, 2025, at 10:00am – 11:00am.

Public comments on the proposed changes will start May 8, 2025, to close of business on June 23, 2025.

To request the draft and obtain conference call instructions, please call (707) 443-4583 ext 219.

The Housing Authority hours of operation are 9:00am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, alternating every other Friday closed.

(25-192)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL L. BYRD CASE NO. PR2500093

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Michael L. Byrd

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Robert Byrd

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Robert Byrd be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to

take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 29, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: Darrin W. Mercier

205 Lane Street
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-2054

May 5, 2025
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

5/8, 5/15, 5/22 (25-196)

NOTICE

is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code. Property will be sold via an online auction at www.StorageAuctions.com.

Auction bidding will begin at 10:00 AM on June 6th, 2025 and will close at or after 1:00 PM on June 10th, 2025 at which time the auction will be completed and the high bidder will be determined. The property will be available for pick up where said property has been stored and which is located at Airport Road Storage, LLC, 1000 Airport Road Fortuna, CA 95540 County of Humboldt, State of

California. (707)725-1234

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Nichole Navarro

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Nathan Sjoquist

Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between owner and obligated party. Please refer to www.StorageAuctions.com for all other terms and conditions governing the bidding and auction process.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2025

5/22/25, 5/29/25 (25-211)

THE BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

is soliciting proposals from California 'A' Licensed and insured contractors to construct a service roadway and underground utilities on the Blue Lake Rancheria. Work scope will include roadway, joint utility trenches, street lighting, intersections plus associated work based upon engineered drawings. Contractors interested in this work should contact Bruce Ryan at 707-599-6463 or bryan@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov before May 21st, 2025 to obtain a bid package. A mandatory presite meeting is scheduled for May 22nd, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the intersection of Hlow Lane and Chartin Road in Blue Lake, Ca.

5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5 (25-202)

MENDES MINI STORAGE ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property describe below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 31st day of May 2025, at 10:00 am, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Mendes Mini Storage, 1133 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, California, County of Humboldt, State of California, the following:

Unit 463 Alexis Luna

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated.

May 15, 2025
May 22, 2025
Mendes Mini Storage
1133 Riverwalk Dr.
Fortuna, California 95540
707-725-1300

25-203

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Robert Peter Moon, Jr. aka Robert P. Moon, Jr.

CASE NO. PR2500312

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robert Peter Moon, Jr. aka Robert P. Moon, Jr.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Vera Daigle

In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Vera Daigle

be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: James J. Aste

Law Office of James J. Aste
PO Box 307
Ferndale, CA 95536
(707) 786-4476
May 12, 2025
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

5/15, 5/22, 5/29 (25-204)

IN THE MATTER OF THE DELORES N. MCBROOME 2019 TRUST NOTIFICATION BY TRUSTEE

N. McBROOME.

2. THE DELORES N. McBROOME 2019 TRUST was executed on December 18, 2019 (hereafter, "the Trust").

3. DELORES N. McBROOME died on December 16, 2024, at which time the Trust became irrevocable. The address of the physical location where the principal place of the administration of the Trust is: 3200 Little Pond Road McKinleyville, CA 95519

4. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the current Co-Trustees are:

WILLIAM A. McBROOME
3200 Little Pond Road
McKinleyville, CA 95519
(707) 834-4829

DAVID L. McBROOME
2833 Q Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 382-2226

5. You are entitled, as a beneficiary, possible beneficiary, or heir at law of the decedent, to request from the Trustee a true and complete copy of the Terms of the Trust, as that term is defined in Probate Code §16060.5. However, the Trustee has elected to enclose with this notification a true and complete copy of the Terms of the Trust, as well as a copy of the Last Will and Testament of Delores N. McBroome.

6. Notices as Required by Probate Code §16061.7:

You may not bring an action to contest the trust more than 120 days from the date this notification by the trustee is served upon you or 60 days from the date on which a copy of the terms of the trust is delivered to you during that 120-day period, whichever is later.

Date: February 12, 2025

William A. McBroome

WILLIAM A. McBROOME, Co-Trustee of THE DELORES N. McBROOME 2019 TRUST

Date: February 12, 2025

David L. McBroome

DAVID L. McBROOME, Co-Trustee of THE DELORES N. McBROOME 2019 TRUST

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-217)

SUMMONS (PARENTAGE - CUSTODY AND SUPPORT)

CASE NUMBER: FL2500163

NOTICE TO Defendant: Jasimar M. Singh

You are being sued by Plaintiff: Melissa K. Martinez

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response at the court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your right to custody of your children. You may also be ordered to pay child support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help/), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org/), or by contacting your local bar association. NOTICE: The restraining order remains in effect against each parent until the

petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of it.

FREE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and address of the court is:

**Humboldt County Superior Court
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Laurence S. Ross 161095, Owens & Ross 1118 Sixth Street Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 441-1185 (707) 441-8470

Date: March 6, 2025

Clerk, by Meara Hattan, Isabel M. Deputy

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-215)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Carlos Rangel Jr.
CASE NO. CV2500985
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:

Carlos Rangel Jr.
for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name
Carlos Rangel Jr.
to Proposed Name
Charlie Rangel

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: July 11, 2025

Time: 8:30 am, Dept. 4

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SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: May 9, 2025
Filed: May 9, 2025

/s/ Timothy A. Canning

Judge of the Superior Court

5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 (25-218)

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Bid Submission. City of Fortuna ("City") will accept sealed bids for its Carson Woods Waterline Upgrade Project ("Project"), by or before June 4, 2025, at 2:00p.m., at Fortuna City Hall, located at 621 11th St, California, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

2. Project Information.

2.1 Location and Description.

The Project is located on Carson Woods Road and is described as follows:

The Carson Woods Waterline Upgrade project consists of installation of approximately 485' of 8" C900 water main, installation of one fire hydrant, connection of 14 service laterals, activation of approximately 1650' of water main and rehabilitation of approximately 8,000 square feet of pavement.

Construction of the project began in 2024 and was being performed by the City of Fortuna water crew when unexpected staffing levels prevented completion. City staff installed approximately 1200' of 8" C900 water main beginning at the south end of the project and worked north toward the bridge. Corporation stop valves and saddles were placed on the water main at each service lateral during construction, but the service laterals were not installed. The portion of the roadway that was damaged from trenching for the water main was patched with cold-mix asphalt. Upon acceptance of the contract, the city will provide the following materials to the successful bidder for the completion of this project:

Over 450' of 8" C900 pipe
Three service saddles with 1" corporation stop valves
(14) 1" x 5/8" meter angle valves
One 8x6" flanged tee

One 6" gate valve with bolts & gaskets
One 8" gate valve with bolts & gasket

One 48" hydrant bury
One Clow 960 Fire Hydrant with breakoff bolts & gaskets
One 8" Flange x Mechanical Joint Adapter

One 8" MEGALUG® Mechanical Joint Restraint
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Approximately 10' of 6" C900 water pipe

The successful bidder will be responsible for connecting into the 8" C900 water main that was previously installed and continuing the run of 8" C900 water main working north and ending at the bridge at Rohner Creek.

Tracer wire shall be installed on the entire length of water main. Install an 8" gate valve at the end of the line with a blind flange on the downstream side of the valve. Install a service saddle and 1" corporation stop in the upstream side of the valve and reconnect the remainder of the 1" polyethylene tube that crosses the bridge and continues north.

Install a fire hydrant 500' from the most northern hydrant that was installed by the city crew (approximate location shown on plans) using an 8 x 8 x 6" tee on the water main, an 8" gate valve on the north end of the tee, and a 6" gate valve between the water main and hydrant. Exact location for hydrant will be determined in field by a City of Fortuna engineer.

Install Three service saddles with 1" corporation stops (two single and one dual). Install service

laterals with tracer wire to the active water meter boxes and terminate the laterals inside the meter box using 1" x 5/8" meter angle valves. Install remaining eleven service laterals (five single and three dual services, see plans for detail) with tracer wire to corporation stop valves previously installed on water main by city crew and terminate the laterals in the active water meter boxes with a 1" x 5/8" meter angle valve. Final connection to meters will be made by City staff.

Pressure test water main, service laterals and hydrants within project limits, including the portions installed by contractor as well as portions installed by city crew. Repair any leaks. Disinfect new water lines in project area and verify sterilization. Fill all trenches & excavations to City standards. The following is an alternate item and may be removed from the scope of work: Sawcut asphalt pavement adjacent to trench to form a 5' wide path. The trench should be in the center of the sawcut path whenever possible. Repave sawcut path to City standards.

2.2 Time for Final Completion.

The Project must be fully completed within 15 calendar days from the start date set forth in the Notice to Proceed. City anticipates that the Work will begin on or about July 1, 2025, but the anticipated start date is provided solely for convenience and is neither certain nor binding. However, the project must be completed by August 1, 2025.

3. License and Registration Requirements.

3.1 License. This Project requires a valid California contractor's license for the following classification(s): Class A.

3.2 DIR Registration. City may not accept a Bid Proposal from or enter into the Contract with a bidder, without proof that the bidder is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5, subject to limited legal exceptions.

4. Contract Documents. The plans, specifications, bid forms and contract documents for the Project, and any addenda thereto ("Contract Documents") may be downloaded from City's website located at: https://www.friendlyfortuna.com/your-government/public_works_notices.php. A printed copy of the Contract Documents is not available.

5. Bid Security. The Bid Proposal must be accompanied by bid security of ten percent of the maximum bid amount, in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to City, or a bid bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California on the Bid Bond form included with the Contract Documents. The bid security must guarantee that within ten days after City issues the Notice of Potential Award, the successful bidder will execute the Contract and submit the payment and performance bonds, insurance certificates and endorsements, valid Certificates of Reported Compliance as required

under the California Air Resources Board's In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation (13 CCR § 2449 et seq.) ("Off-Road Regulation"), if applicable, and any other submittals required by the Contract Documents and as specified in the Notice of Potential Award.

6. Prevailing Wage Requirements.

6.1 General. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1720 et seq., this Project is subject to the prevailing wage requirements applicable to the locality in which the Work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to perform the Work, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes.

6.2 Rates. The prevailing rates are on file with the City and are available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. Each Contractor and Subcontractor must pay no less than the specified rates to all workers employed to work on the Project. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work must be at least time and one-half.

6.3 Compliance. The Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR, under Labor Code §

7. Performance and Payment Bonds. The successful bidder will be required to provide performance and payment bonds, each for 100% of the Contract Price, as further specified in the Contract Documents.

8. Substitution of Securities. Substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments is permitted under Public Contract Code § 22300.

9. Subcontractor List. Each Subcontractor must be registered with the DIR to perform work on public projects. Each bidder must submit a completed Subcontractor List form with its Bid Proposal, including the name, location of the place of business, California contractor license number, DIR registration number, and percentage of the Work to be performed (based on the base bid price) for each Subcontractor that will perform Work or service or fabricate or install Work for the prime contractor in excess of one-half of 1% of the bid price, using the Subcontractor List form included with the Contract Documents.

10. Instructions to Bidders. All bidders should carefully review the Instructions to Bidders for more detailed information before submitting a Bid Proposal. The definitions provided in Article 1 of the General Conditions apply to all of the Contract Documents, as defined therein, including this Notice Inviting Bids.

Sana L. Emmons
Sana L. Emmons, City Clerk

Date: 05/19/25

5/22, 5/29 (25-219)

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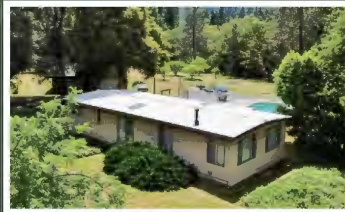
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FEATURED LISTING!

258 LITTLE FOOT COURT, WILLOW CREEK \$499,000

This beautiful Willow Creek property is ready for the next owners to make years of summer memories. Enjoy the refreshing in ground pool and flat fully fenced 1.63-acre parcel that features raised garden beds and fourteen varieties of fruit trees. The 2/2 manufactured home is cozy and includes most furnishings, while the separate garage/shop building could easily be finished into an ADU and already has an upstairs living area and full bathroom downstairs. With plenty of room for family and friends and their toys, this is the kind of property we all dream of having during the long rainy winters.



645 ZENIA BLUFF ROAD, ZENIA \$499,000

Nestled on ±106 acres of picturesque landscape, this quintessential Northern California ranch offers endless possibilities and the charm of country living. With 2 separate houses in need of some repairs, there is plenty of room for multiple families, guests or caretakers. The main 2 story house features 4 beds, and 2 baths, additionally, there's an unfinished 1 bedroom house. Large barn, multiple outbuildings, plentiful water, and PG&E power add to the allure and convenience of this versatile property!



2501 HILL LANE, HYDESVILLE \$1,300,000

Explore this ±7.25 acre agricultural property in Hydesville, featuring a 9,840 sq ft, mixed light commercial cannabis cultivation licenses. It includes four greenhouses, a nursery, a robust setup with greenhouse lights and ample water supply. Enjoy a 2,400 sq ft barndominium-style shop with a 1,400 sq ft apartment surrounded by stunning views, all just minutes from local amenities. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity!



715 8TH STREET, EUREKA \$799,000

Discover this well-maintained 2 story 4-plex, built in 2007, featuring four distinct units, each with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. Each unit is thoughtfully designed with functional floor plans that maximize space and livability, offering open living areas and kitchens equipped with essential amenities. Residents enjoy the convenience of on-site coin-operated laundry facilities, alley access and dedicated parking spaces. Its well-maintained condition and desirable location ensure strong rental demand.



370 RIVER BEND ROAD, WILLOW CREEK \$1,290,000

Ultimate eco-conscious luxury that captures the essence of Northern California's natural beauty. This property is on over 4 acres, overlooking the Trinity River, and boasts a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1,980 sq ft upscale, innovative, and fully custom eco-conscious homestead. Immersed in natural beauty and architectural charm, River Bend Sanctuary blends historical allure with modern sustainability. Each space, rich in detail and bathed in natural light, marries eco-friendly design with contemporary comforts, using reclaimed materials and innovative layouts.



4565 LOWER THOMAS ROAD, SALMON CREEK \$390,000

Join the friendly Salmon Creek Community! ±60 acres in Miranda awaits an owner to breathe new life into this gorgeous property. With a large shop, two story house, two wells and stunning surrounding views this property is a diamond in the rough. House will need to be remodeled which is a perfect opportunity to make this the home of your dreams. Don't miss out on this wooded wonderland!



2027 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD, BLOCKSBURG \$275,000

Premium hunting property boasting a newly drilled well end of the road privacy and beautiful rolling meadows. The 1,000 sq. ft. open concept cabin with a full bathroom and loft was just completed last year with new electric, septic, and a large deck with stunning views. Plenty of space for gardening, animals, and great solar energy potential! Cannabis permit for 10k sq.ft. can be included in sale.

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